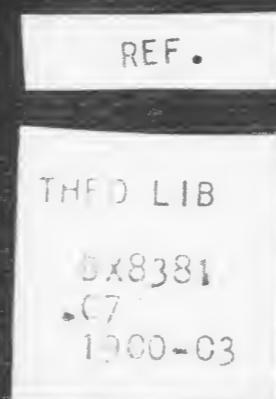
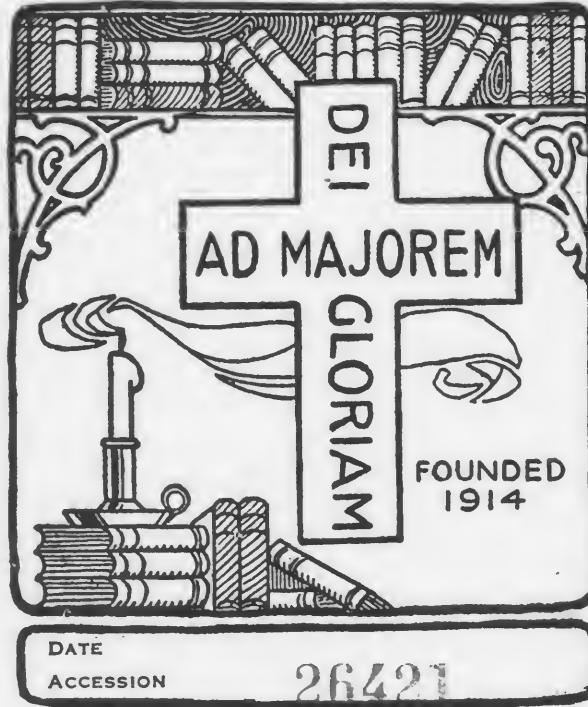


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10. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with **open doors**, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.
11. Any question may be **reconsidered** on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.
12. If any member call for the **previous question**, and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, the main question shall then be put.
13. Each **Committee** of the Conference shall choose its own **chairman**, unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the Committee.
14. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference-room punctually at the hour to which the Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without **leave of absence**.
15. In all practicable cases, where **charges** are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a Committee.
16. No member of Conference shall be subject to **arrest of character** without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.
17. The vote on any question shall be taken by **ayes and noes**, upon the call of fifteen members.
18. The **roll** of the Conference shall not be called in open Conference for the purpose of obtaining **subscriptions** of money from the preachers, except for Conference expenses, unless it shall be ordered by a three-fourths vote of the members then present and voting.
19. The printed Minutes of the Conference, including all reports adopted by the Conference, officially signed by the President, and edited and attested by the Secretary, shall be the **official record** of its proceedings.
20. No member who has spoken on a pending motion shall have the right to call for the **previous question**, or to move to lay the same on the table.
21. Standing **Committees** shall be divided into **three equal classes**, to serve from the first appointment one, two, and three years respectively; and all appointments thereafter shall be for three years, any member being eligible to re-appointment.
22. The **first meeting** of each Standing Committee shall be held at 1.30 P. M. on the first day of the Conference Session, in the place indicated by the local Committee on Entertainment.

23. The presiding elders, those members of the Board of Examiners who have examined the candidates for **admission on trial**, and the Committees on general qualifications of such candidates, shall confer as one Committee, and shall recommend to the Conference the number, if any, and the names of those who should be received on trial at each session. The decision of this Committee shall be made, irrespective of the charges or districts from which the candidates are recommended.

24. When the **roll-call** of the first day's session shall have been completed, the Conference shall rise, and remain standing, while the Secretary calls the roll of members who have died during the year.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION.

Hillsboro, Ohio, September 3, 1900.

The Reports and Proceedings herewith published were adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session held August 29 to September 3, 1900, in this city. By the rules of the Conference, these printed Minutes, together with all the Reports, were made the Official Record of its Proceedings.

Henry W. Warren

President.

S. O. Royal

Secretary.

CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL, 1900.

NOTE.—The numbers on the left of the name indicate the year of admission into full connection. The letter P on the right shows the attendance.

MEMBERS.		MEMBERS.	
1833	Adam Miller,	1868	Andrew Hamilton,
1840	Richard A. Arthur,*	"	John W. Peters,
1841	Thos. H. Pearne,	P.	" Randolph E. Smith,
1844	Wm. I. Fee,* . . . . .	.....	" Jesse B. Young,
"	Richard S. Rust,	P.	1869 Edward T. Wells,
1845	Wm. H. Sutherland,	P.	" Carey T. Crum,
"	Samuel B. Smith,	P.	" Frank G. Mitchell,
1850	Jas. T. Bail,	P.	1870 J. Raper Hunter,
1851	John F. Loyd,	P.	" Richard H. Rust,
"	Milton P. Zink,	P.	" James E. Gilbert,
1852	John F. Marlay,	P.	" Jesse B. Young,
"	Thomas Collett,	P.	1871 Seren N. Marsh,
"	John Vance, . . . . .	.....	" Wm. A. Robinson,
1856	George M. Edgar,	P.	" Chas. W. Blodgett,
1857	William N. Maxey,	P.	1872 Edmund Burdsall,
"	Albert N. Spahr,	P.	" John Wilson,
"	Evan P. Jamies, . . . . .	.....	" James S. Whitney,*
"	George H. Dart,	P.	1873 Lucien M. Davis,
1858	Henry M. Keck,	P.	" Charles H. Kalbfus,
"	David J. Starr,	P.	" Charles J. Wells,
"	John W. Mason, . . . . .	.....	" Lafayette Young,
"	John G. Black,	P.	" Wm. M. West,
"	Edward McHugh,	P.	1875 D. Lee Aultman,
"	John H. Middleton,	P.	" Samuel G. Pollard,
"	William K. Brown,	P.	" Lyman E. Prentiss,
"	John L. Gregg,	P.	1876 Wm. J. Baker,
"	H. A. M. Henderson,	P.	" John H. Davis,
1859	Sullivan W. Edmiston,	P.	" John A. Easton,
"	James P. Shultz,* . . . . .	.....	" John W. Gaddis,
1860	John M. Walden,† . . . . .	.....	" James F. McColm,
"	John H. Lease,	P.	" Thomas Cundy,
"	Sylvester Weeks, . . . . .	.....	" Geo. M. Hammell,
"	George W. Fee, . . . . .	.....	1877 Allen D. Maddox,
"	George K. Morris,†	P.	" Matthias M. Kugler,
1861	Thornton E. Fidler, . . . . .	.....	" George W. Dubois,
"	Isaac W. Joyce,† . . . . .	.....	" Jacob E. H. Sentman,
1862	Thomas J. Harris, . . . . .	.....	" Gilbert L. Travis,
"	Jonathan Verity,	P.	" Joseph I. Taggart,
"	J. McKendree Shultz,	P.	" James S. Ruggles,
"	Adna B. Leonard,	P.	" Henry W. Bailey,
1865	Reuben K. Deem,	P.	" Davis W. Clark
"	John S. Pumphrey,	P.	1878 Frank Leever,
"	Wm. Runyan,	P.	" Charles W. Rishell,
"	Absalom M. Griffith,* . . . . .	.....	" James W. Bashford,
"	Homer C. Middleton,	P.	1879 Henry C. Weakley,
"	Wm. T. McMullen, . . . . .	.....	" Stanley O. Royal,
1866	John F. Hull, . . . . .	.....	" John A. White,
"	David C. Vance,* . . . . .	.....	" John A. Story,
"	James P. Porter,	P.	" Eugene P. Edmonds,
"	Madison A. Richards,	P.	1880 David A. McColm,
1867	Wm. P. Jackson,	P.	" Charles L. Conger,
"	Samuel W. Carey, . . . . .	.....	" Jeremiah W. Hickman,
"	John Pearson,	P.	" Charles W. Gullette,
"	Adam Bowers, . . . . .	.....	1881 Valorous F. Brown,
1868	Francis M. Clemans,	P.	" Benj. D. Hypes,

* Deceased.

† Honorary members.

‡ Transferred to the East Ohio Conference.

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1881	Edward T. Lane,	P.	1892	Frank C. English,
"	Wilbur P. Thirkield	P.	"	Philip Trout,
"	Canaro D. Munsey,	P.	"	John A. Winkler,
1882	Francis M. Kirgan,	P.	"	Abraham L. Brokaw,
"	Leonidas O. Deputy, . . . . .	....	"	William H. Spybey,
"	Charles H. Haines,	P.	"	Charles F. Enyart,
"	Madison Swadener,* . . . . .	....	"	William E. Putt,
1883	Charles W. Barnes,	P.	1893	Ulysses G. Humphrey,
"	Marion LeSourd,	P.	"	George W. Vorliis,
"	DeWitt C. Washburn,	P.	"	William H. Wehrly,
"	Geo. S. Easton,	P.	"	William M. Coffman,
1884	Edgar H. Cherington,	P.	"	Homer G. Curless,
"	James L. Glascock,	P.	"	Walter S. Gray,
"	John J. McCabe,	P.	"	Albert C. Turrell,
"	Creighton Wones,	P.	"	William A. Deaton,
"	John G. Vaughan,	P.	"	George V. Morris,
"	Merrick E. Ketcham,	P.	"	Marcellus B. Fuller,
1885	Wilbur G. Warner,	P.	"	John E. Beery,
"	John L. Dalbey,	P.	"	Albert K. Stabler,
"	Gilbert P. Austin,	P.	1894	David S. Ewry,
1886	George M. Fulton,	P.	"	James D. Darling,
"	Heber D. Ketcham,	P.	"	William A. Wiant,
"	Jacob L. Shively,	P.	"	Calvin W. Horn,
"	Geo. L. Tufts,	P.	"	Wilbur L. Y. Davis,
1887	John F. Laird,	P.	"	Joseph W. Patton,
"	Amos T. Cowgill,	P.	1895	Isaac R. Marshall,
"	Thomas P. Walter, . . . . .	....	"	Charles L. Mackey,‡
"	Wm. B. Brown,	P.	"	Harley E. Armacost,
1888	Alpheus B. Austin,	P.	"	William M. Patton,
"	Samuel W. Campbell,	P.	"	Charles E. Schenk,
"	James R. Colley,	P.	1896	Edward L. Hollingsworth,
1889	Chas. W. Briggs, . . . . .	....	"	George H. Smith,
"	Owen M. Sellers,	P.	1897	Charles L. Chapman,
"	Thomas D. Moore,	P.	"	Earl M. Ellsworth,
1890	Thomas G. Williams,	P.	"	James A. Jenkinson,
"	Oren D. Becker,	P.	"	Clifford L. Myers,
"	Calvin W. Elliott,	P.	"	Charles C. Peale,
"	Charles Hartley,	P.	"	Stephen B. Timmons,
"	Eugene S. Gaddis,	P.	"	Rufus J. Wyckoff,
"	Ira Edgar Price,	P.	"	Wm. D. English,
"	Abbott G. Newton,	P.	"	Oliver L. Utter,
"	Henry Hershey,	P.	1898	James A. Geissinger,
"	John H. McNary,	P.	"	Archie W. Hook,
1891	James W. Magruder,	P.	"	George B. Shanor,
"	Paul C. Curnick,†	P.	1899	Howard L. Torbet,
"	James E. Abrams,	P.	"	Henry C. Hutchinson,
"	Reuben S. McColm,	P.	"	Warren J. Dunham,
1892	Gervaise Roughton,	P.	"	Oliver P. Hoffman,
"	John P. Ninde,	P.	"	John L. Duckwall,
"	Cyrus M. Van Pelt,	P.	1900	Sheridan W. Bell,
"	James R. Hill,	P.	"	Lewis A. Washburn,
"	Wm. E. Spurrier,	P.	"	David G. Latshaw,

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The transfer of Madison Swadener to the North Indiana Conference, and of Oliver L. Utter from the Kansas Conference to this, was announced.

By vote the hour of adjournment was fixed at 11.45, A. M., each day.

On motions offered by D. J. Starr, the Rules of Order of the last year's session were adopted, and the bar of the Conference was designated.

The list of Standing Committees was read as nominated last year. A number of persons being excused, the Committee on Nominations was granted leave to retire for the perfecting of the Committees. Their report, being soon brought in, was approved. (For Committees, see pages 7-9.)

The Committee on Memoirs was constituted, on nominations of the Presiding Elders, as follows: G. P. Austin, T. H. Pearne, S. O. Royal, J. G. Vaughan, H. D. Ketcham, G. L. Tufts, J. S. Pumphrey, H. W. Bailey, D. W. Clark, and C. W. Elliott.

On motion of William Runyan, a Special Committee of one minister and one layman from each district on the Twentieth-century Offering was ordered.

On motion of T. H. Pearne, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of Five be nominated by the Bishop to confer with Dr. J. E. Gilbert upon his special line of work, and report to this body their views upon the inauguration of his plan of Bible studies in our Conference.

T. H. PEARNE,
A. B. LEONARD.

The Committee was appointed as follows: T. H. Pearne, H. D. Ketcham, J. P. Porter, D. L. Aultman, and W. A. Robinson.

Gervaise Roughton was excused from to-morrow's session on account of a funeral.

Transfer.—Bishop Warren announced the transfer of George B. Nind (a son of Mrs. Mary Nind) from the New England Southern Conference. The Bishop represented his efficiency in the Portuguese language, and requested his election to elder's orders under the Missionary Rule for work in the Cape Verde Islands. Bishop Hartzell also spoke concerning the open door of usefulness for him in Africa. He was transferred to the Liberia Conference, after being elected to elder's orders.

Bishop Thoburu was introduced and briefly spoke about the Twentieth-century Forward Movement.

Dr. H. C. Jennings, the Agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern, was introduced, and addressed the Conference concerning the publishing interests of the Church.

Drafts Ordered.—Bishop Warren presented drafts of \$892 from the Book Concern dividend, and \$22 from the Chartered Fund, for Conference Claimants. The drafts were ordered.

Olin A. Curtis, D. D., Professor of Systematic Theology in Drew Theological Seminary, was introduced, and addressed the Conference concerning the aims and ideals of that institution.

By vote, it was directed that, in reporting collections, pastors name amounts for Missions and Conference Claimants only.

The Treasurer was instructed to recognize as sufficient voucher the written statements of each pastor under the head of "other benevolent collections."

The Bishop appointed William Runyan to preside at the afternoon session.

Announcements were made, and Bishop Warren pronounced the benediction.



FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

WILLIAM RUNYAN occupied the chair and R. S. Rust conducted the devotional exercises.

The list of charges was read, and pastors handed in their statistical reports and their benevolent collections.

After the benediction, the session adjourned.



SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, August 30, 1900.

THE Conference assembled at 8.30 o'clock, with Bishop Warren in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by D. L. Aultman, who spoke on the theme, "Conversion, the Main End of Our Ministry." This address was followed by a fervent service of consecration.

At nine o'clock the journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

The Statistical Secretary called a very brief list of delinquents.

On motion, C. F. Enyart and W. H. Wehrly were appointed a Committee to prepare the Circuit Salary report.

The Committee appointed upon Dr. Gilbert's plan of Bible study was read by H. D. Ketcham. After remarks upon the plan by Dr. Gilbert, the report was adopted. (See page 119.)

D. J. Starr moved that a Committee of Three be appointed to write a letter to Brother J. W. Mason, who was detained on account of serious illness. The Committee consisted of D. J. Starr, George H. Dart, and J. G. Black.

C. L. Conger moved that a similar Committee be appointed to write to Brother Gullette. Committee appointed was C. L. Conger and V. F. Brown.

On motion of G. H. Dart, J. W. Mason was granted a superannuated relation, and the Board of Stewards was instructed to make an appropriation for his benefit.

The report of the Publishing Committee was read by the Secretary, and printed copies of the report were distributed.

C. L. Conger presented Item One of the report from the Committee on Education, and it was adopted. (See page 98.)

Transfer.—The transfer to the Kentucky Conference of W. L. Spence, a probationer in the Studies of the Fourth Year, and unordained, was announced.

The Thirteenth Question—“*Was the Character of Each Preacher examined?*”—was called. George H. Dart, Presiding Elder of the Georgetown District; V. F. Brown, Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District; and J. F. Marlay, Presiding Elder of the Dayton District, were severally called, the character of each passed, and each presented a report of the work on his district.

Forward Movement.—Bishop Thoburn was introduced, and spoke in the interest of the Twentieth-century Forward Movement.

Dr. Spencer, Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society, was introduced, and he represented this great benevolence.

Levi Gilbert, D. D., Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*,
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was introduced, and forcibly addressed the Conference concerning his plans and aims in religious journalism.

A. B. Leonard offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Cincinnati Conference gives its most cordial greetings to Dr. Levi Gilbert as the Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*; that we recognize this periodical as peculiarly our home Church paper, and our helper in the work of the ministry, and that we will labor with renewed energy to increase its circulation.

D. J. STARR,

A. B. LEONARD.

Dr. A. J. Nast, Editor of the *Christian Apologist*, was introduced, and spoke concerning the possibility of securing subscribers for that German periodical among our people.

Walter S. Gray was appointed Postmaster.

The following persons were granted leave of absence: O. D. Becker, G. W. Vorhis, John Pearson, and H. L. Torbet.

On motion, the time was extended.

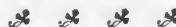
T. H. Pearne presented the report of the Trustees of the Mears Bequest for printing in the Minutes. He then read his report as Conference Secretary of the Twentieth-century Fund. The report was referred to the Committee on the Twentieth-century offerings.

Dr. W. F. McDowell, Secretary of the Board of Education, was introduced, and made an earnest appeal for the cause under his care.

Rev. J. F. Fisher, D. D., Presiding Elder of the Cleveland District of the East Ohio Conference, was introduced.

J. W. Bashford moved that a Committee in each district be appointed to co-operate with the Presiding Elders on the Twentieth-century Forward Movement.

Announcements were made, the Doxology was sung, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Warren.



THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, August 31, 1900.

AT half-past eight o'clock this morning, with Bishop Warren in the chair, the opening exercises were conducted by George K. Morris, who spoke very forcibly upon the topic, "How to Secure the Co-operation of the Laity."

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

On motion of W. A. Robinson, the Deaconesses, Mrs. Kate Rawls Haynes and Miss Hannah Pierce, were invited to address the Conference.

A letter from J. W. Mason was read, and referred to the Committee appointed to correspond with him.

Stewards' Report.—The preliminary report of the Board of Stewards was presented and read by J. R. Hill.

Mrs. Thompson.—J. F. Marlay called the attention of the Conference to the fact that this session of the Annual Conference is being held in the birthplace of the temperance movement known as the Woman's Crusade, and that Mrs. Eliza Trimble Thompson, who was the leading spirit in the movement, is still living in the feebleness of age. He moved that a Committee consisting of three, of which the Bishop should be one, be appointed to wait upon her and present the greetings of the Conference. The motion was adopted, and J. F. Marlay and V. F. Brown were designated as the additional members of the Committee.

The report of the Cincinnati Missionary Society was read by W. A. Robinson, on whose motion the Society was recognized under the provisions of the Discipline, and the report ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

The Thirteenth Question was resumed. C. W. Barnes, Presiding Elder of the Springfield District, and R. H. Rust, Presiding Elder of the Cincinnati District, were called, the character of each passed, and they read their reports.

On motion of G. S. Easton, the reports of the Presiding Elders were requested for publication in the Minutes.

At the close of Dr. Rust's report, H. A. M. Henderson presented him a purse of gold as a token of the esteem of the ministers in the district on his retirement from the Presiding Eldership.

The names of the effective Elders of the Conference were called, and their characters passed. Each one presented the amount of his missionary and Conference Claimants' collections, and answered the question as to presenting the claims of the benevolences.

A letter from the Managers of the Ohio Penitentiary was

read, requesting the appointment of D. J. Starr Chaplain of the Ohio Penitentiary. By vote, the Bishop was requested to make the appointment.

Transfer.—The transfer of C. L. Mackey to the New York Conference was announced.

On request of D. S. Ewry, he was granted a supernumerary relation for this year.

On motion of J. F. Marlay, the Bishop was requested to appoint A. W. Hook Conference Evangelist.

Deaconess Work.—Mrs. Kate Rawls Haynes, Superintendent of Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

J. F. Loyd was granted leave of absence from further sessions.

J. P. Porter offered the report of the Rules of Order as adopted by the Board of Conference Trustees for the control of that body. On motion, they were adopted.

The Twenty-third Question—“*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*”—was taken up. Their names were called, the character of each passed, and letters were read concerning those who lived beyond the bounds of the Conference. (See page 43.)

Notes Canceled.—G. L. Travis called the attention of the Conference to the sale of abandoned Church property in Miami County, the proceeds of which were loaned to the Pleasant Hill charge, Covington, and Casstown. The notes having become null and void on account of the lapse of more than the five years required for the reorganization of the Society, the cancellation and return of the notes were ordered.

Dr. Wilbur P. Thirkield, Corresponding Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, was introduced.

The Bishop announced the names of the Board of Examiners, reappointing those who served last year. (See page 5.)

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the vote by which the Rules of Order for the Board of Conference Trustees were adopted was reconsidered, pending which consideration, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Warren.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, September 1, 1900.

AT half past eight, Bishop Warren called the Conference to order, and A. N. Spahr conducted the devotional exercises and spoke on the topic: "What Aid may be expected of the Holy Ghost, and How may it be Secured?"

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Woman's Crusade.—Bishop Warren reported for the Committee to visit Mrs. Eliza Trimble Thompson for the purpose of conveying the greetings of the Conference. His remarks were as follows:

"The Committee feels that it was honored in a very high degree, being permitted to visit that saintly woman, whose bravery and Christian zeal marked a new era in the advancement of the kingdom of God. We were commissioned, as you know, to visit the founder and beginner of the Woman's Crusade, Mrs. Judge Thompson, and convey to her the affectionate remembrance and appreciation of this Conference for her heroic work. We performed that duty last evening, and, I may say, it was a most precious occasion to myself and the other members of the Committee. It seemed to us as if a new era dawned upon the world in that heroic coming forth of woman for the moral uplift of the world, like the Deborahs and Hannahs of old. We felt that we were recognizing the great spirit of woman's power over the earth for the salvation of men that were in peril; and after we had expressed the feeling of the Conference to her, she, lying there on the bed without a sign of weakness in her voice, without a sign of weakness in any way, spoke to us like an angel somewhat in this strain. I can not give her exact language, but this is the thought: She said that all her trials and all her conflicts, and all the tests of her bravery, and all the difficult straits in which God had ever put her had always been followed by great enlargements of spiritual life, as if God had been giving her some discipline in order that He might confer upon her some new glory. She referred to the experience of St. Paul in his afflictions and his consequent third-heaven visions, and she in the same spirit, recognizing the quality of the Christian's experience, said it was to her a constant source

of inspiration when she was permitted to share in the same spirit; and in the words of Anna Shipton, she said:

‘Better to me than my hopes,
Better to me than my fears:
He made a bridge of my broken works,
And a rainbow of my tears.’

As we came out of the chamber where the good woman meets her fate, we felt that we had been close upon the verge of heaven.”

Semi-Centennial.—T. H. Pearne offered the following paper, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Our beloved fellow-laborer, Rev. John F. Marlay, D. D., will at our next annual convocation have completed his half century of itinerant toil as a member of this Conference; and

WHEREAS, He has made a notably good record; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby request him to prepare and preach to us on that occasion, as a part of the introduction or opening exercises of our next annual session, a semi-centennial sermon.

Resolved, That we also include in this invitation Rev. Thomas Collett, whose itinerant ministry began the same year with Dr. Marlay.

D. LEE AULTMAN,	FRANK G. MITCHELL,	THOMAS. H. PEARNE,
V. F. BROWN,	M. LE SOURD,	R. S. RUST,
A. B. LEONARD,	WM. RUNYAN,	GEO. H. DART.
A. N. SPAHR,		

W. A. Robinson read the report of the Committee appointed to introduce Dr. Gilbert's Plan of Religious Education into the Conference, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 119.)

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the Rules of Order for the Board of Conference Trustees, pending consideration at the hour of adjournment yesterday, was taken up. He proposed an amendment concerning the plan of perpetuating the Board. His amendment was accepted, and the Rules of Order were then adopted. (See page 119.)

F. G. Mitchell also moved that the Presiding Elders be directed to arrange in classes the present members of the Board of Trustees, so that we may at this Conference session hold an election under the first rule.

J. F. Marlay referred to the paragraph 157 in the new Discipline permitting General Conference officers to select the Annual Conference to which they desire to be connected.

On motion, Wilbur P. Thirkield, one of the Secretaries of

the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, was invited to return by transfer to this, his home Conference.

Dr. Thirkield expressed his appreciation of this invitation, and Bishop Warren announced his transfer from the Atlanta to the Cincinnati Conference.

Visit from Laymen.—A delegation from the Lay Association, consisting of H. C. Minnich, J. E. Q. Maddox, J. B. Martin, Moses Calvert, J. A. Meyers, and Alexander Boxwell, was introduced. Prof. Minnich, acting as spokesman, addressed the Conference in a few well-chosen words. By vote, Bishop Warren was requested to reply, which he did in very appropriate words.

The Tenth Question—“*What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*”—was taken up. James A. Geissinger, Harley E. Armacost, A. W. Hook, and Warren J. Dunham were called; they reported their collections, were represented by the Board of Examiners, and were discharged from the Course of Study. They were also elected to elders' orders, with the exception of A. W. Hook, who is already an elder.

The Ninth Question—“*What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year?*”—was taken up. Howard L. Torbet reported his collections, was represented by the Board of Examination, and was passed to the Studies of the Fourth Year. The Bishop was requested to leave him without appointment to attend school. Henry C. Hutchinson, not having been before the Examiners, was continued in the Studies of the Third Year. The Bishop was requested to leave him also without appointment to attend school.

The Fifth Question—“*Who have been continued on Trial?*”—was called. Charles P. Pumphrey reported his collections, was represented by the Board of Examination, was advanced to the Studies of the Second Year, and continued on trial. Samuel A. Keen reported his collections, was represented by the Board of Examiners, and was continued on trial in the Studies of the Fourth Year.

The Seventh Question—“*Who have been admitted into Full Membership?*”—was taken up. Sheridan W. Bell, Lewis A. Washburn, and David G. Latshaw were called. They were addressed by the Bishop concerning the work of the ministry, reported their collections, were represented by their Presiding

Elders and Board of Examiners, were passed in the Studies of the Fourth Year, were discharged from the Course of Study, and were admitted into Full Connection. They were also elected to elders' orders except Lewis A. Washburn, who had been previously ordained elder. Samuel A. Stephan was continued on trial. The Bishop was requested to leave him without appointment to attend school.

The Eleventh Question—“*What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*”—was taken up. Louis Olenkslayer was recommended by the Asbury (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference, and Fred. J. Reinbarth by the Gordon Quarterly Conference. Having passed the examinations, they were elected to deacons' orders.

The Twelfth Question—“*What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*”—was taken up. A recommendation was presented for Walter C. Benson, from Wesley Chapel, Cincinnati. Having passed the examinations, he was elected to elder's orders.

T. B. Neely, D. D., Secretary of the Sunday-school Union and Tract Societies, was introduced, and addressed the Conference concerning the Sunday-school literature.

A collection for the janitor was taken, amounting to \$23.50.

J. D. Darling was appointed to take subscriptions for the *Methodist Review* in place of E. S. Gaddis.

The Doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Warren.



FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, September 3, 1900.

At half past eight o'clock this morning Bishop Warren called the Conference to order, and after prayer for a blessing upon the Word, he read a very scholarly paper on “The Hidden Beauties of the Scriptures.”

D. W. Clark presented the following paper:

Resolved, That we request the publication of Bishop Warren's Bible Word Studies at his convenience, and in such form as he may deem best.

The motion prevailed by a standing vote, in which visitors as well as members of the Conference participated.

The Bishop then announced that the paper was composed of selections from one of his published books, entitled “Bible Word Studies.”

Introductions.—The following ministers were introduced: H. M. Faulkner, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Hillsboro; E. P. Edmonds, recently transferred to this Conference; and T. F. Garrett, of the Ohio Conference.

W. B. Brown and C. W. Briggs were excused from further attendance.

V. F. Brown moved that the Committee already appointed to correspond with absent members, be requested also to write letters of sympathy to C. W. Briggs, J. H. Middleton, John Vance, and Adam Bowers. It was so ordered.

R. S. Rust announced that he had just received a letter from Bishop Walden, containing a check for twenty-five dollars for the Preachers' Relief Society.

Education.—C. L. Conger offered the second section of the Report on Education, being the item referring to Hillsboro College. The section was adopted. The third section of the report referring to the Ohio Wesleyan University was also read. After a few remarks by President Bashford, the item was adopted. The several items on Theological Schools, on the Board of Education, on the Woman's College at Baltimore and the Springfield Female College, were read and each was adopted. The item nominating the officers of the Conference Educational Society was read and adopted. The report of the Committee on Education was then adopted as a whole. (Report, see page 98.)

T. D. Moore read the report of the Committee on the American Bible Society. After remarks by John Pearson, the Agent of the American Bible Society, the report was adopted. (Page 94.)

George W. Dubois moved that the Secretary request the Committee on Public Worship for next year to arrange for an entire anniversary service for the American Bible Society, and the motion prevailed.

Forward Movement.—The Committee on the Twentieth-century Forward Movement was announced as follows: Cincinnati District, E. P. Edmonds and E. E. Shipley; Dayton District, J. G. Vaughan and R. W. Burns; Georgetown District, J. L. Shively and Frank L. Cook; Hillsboro District, U. G. Humphrey and Joseph W. Story; Springfield District, John A. Story and J. A. Myers. On motion of T. H. Pearne, Willian Runyan was added to the Committee and made its Chairman.

Memorial Service.—The hour for the Order of the Day having arrived, the Bishop read the names of those who had died during the year. The memorial of A. M. Griffith was read by G. P. Austin; that of J. S. Whitney, by H. W. Bailey; that of William I. Fee, by H. D. Ketcham; that of J. P. Shultz, by G. L. Tufts; that of Mrs. R. S. Rust, by T. H. Pearne; that of Mrs. J. P. Porter, by S. O. Royal; that of Mrs. A. Lowry, by Bishop Warren; that of Mrs. Wesley Webster, by J. S. Pumphrey; that of Mrs. John Shinn, by C. W. Barnes; that of Mrs. J. W. Weakley, by D. W. Clark. The obituaries of Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Arthur were not read, but the Secretary was instructed to secure them for the Minutes. (For Memoirs, see page 129.)

The Bishop announced hymn beginning

“Servant of God, well done;”

after the singing of which he led in prayer. The hymn

“Nearer, my God, to Thee,”

was sung, after which H. D. Ketcham preached the Memorial Sermon from 1st Corinthians xv, 55, 56: “O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.”

John Pearson read the report of the Special Committee from the Preachers' Relief Society. While the consideration of the report was pending, the Conference adjourned to meet in regular session at two o'clock this afternoon.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Warren.



FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

PURSUANT to adjournment, the Conference met at two o'clock this afternoon with Bishop Warren in the chair, who conducted the devotional exercises.

The journal of the morning's session was read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Preachers' Relief Society, which was pending at adjournment, was taken up. The report was laid on the table.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by J. W. Bashford, and adopted. (See page 111.)

The final report of the Board of Stewards was read and adopted. (See page 70.)

On motion the allowance to W. M. West was directed to be paid by the Treasurer of the Board of Stewards in monthly installments.

R. E. Smith read the following expression from the Board of Stewards, and it was adopted:

Recognizing the sacredness of the obligation to suitably provide for the comfort of our worthy superannuates, and the widows and minor children of our translated brethren;

Resolved, 1. That we designate eight per cent of the pastor's salary as the basis of apportionment for this cause, and that we will use our very best endeavors in every case to bring this collection up to the full amount of the apportionment.

2. That we request J. R. Hill, Secretary of the Board of Conference Stewards, to prepare a circular for the benefit of pastors, setting forth the pressing needs of claimants, together with such items of information gathered from the records in his possession as may make these needs apparent.

William Runyan offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, We are informed that Rev. Paul C. Curnick is to be transferred to the Detroit Conference; and

WHEREAS, In his Conference relations with us he has shown a genial, generous, brotherly spirit, and in the Churches served by him proven himself a devoted pastor, a wise administrator, and an earnest, faithful preacher of the Word, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed;

Resolved, 1. That it is with sincere regret that we part with our brother.

2. We earnestly commend him to the cordial greetings and fellowship of the ministerial brethren with whom he is to have his future Conference home, and to the confidence and love of the congregation over which he will preside as pastor.

WILLIAM RUNYAN,
ALBERT C. TURRELL,
R. S. RUST,
H. C. WEAKLEY,

C. M. VAN PELT,
D. W. CLARK,
R. H. RUST,

J. F. MARLAY,
T. H. PEARNE,
W. L. Y. DAVIS.

The Report of the Committee on Church Extension was read by J. E. H. Sentman. On motion of A. Hamilton, the report was adopted and the resolutions accompanying ordered printed in the Minutes. (See page 95.)

E. T. Wells read the report of the Committee on Periodicals and Book Concern Accounts, and the report was adopted.

The following, offered by W. A. Robinson, was adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, Bishop D. H. Moore, as he went in and out among us for a decade as Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, by his efficiency, courtesy and fraternal spirit greatly endeared himself to us; and

WHEREAS, In the discharge of his official duties in the high office to which the Church has called him, he has been sent to superintend our work in China, Japan, and Corea, a most critical commission to execute at this time; therefore,

Resolved, That we shall follow him with our sympathetic love and our prayers for his successful administration, and for the safe return of himself and family to the land of their nativity.

W. A. ROBINSON,
THOMAS H. PEARNE,
MERRICK E. KETCHAM.

J. D. Darling presented the report on Missions. A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, made a few remarks on the circulation of Missionary literature. Additional resolutions were offered by William Runyan, and one by H. W. Bailey, which were, together with the report, adopted. (See page 102.)

C. W. Horn, Conference Treasurer, read his report, and it was adopted. (See page 72.)

The sum of \$11.61, result of fractional money in the hands of the Treasurer, were ordered paid to the Publishing Fund.

The Presiding Elders reported the classification of the Conference Trustees, and they were elected as follows: For one year, E. T. Wells and J. A. Story; for two years, J. T. Bail, Frank G. Mitchell; for three years, H. C. Weakley, A. N. Spahr, and J. P. Porter.

A. L. Brokaw read the report of the Committee on Tracts, and it was adopted. (See page 113.)

George V. Morris read the report of the Committee on Parsonages, which was adopted. (See page 104.)

An interesting report from the Committee on the State of the Church was read by Howard Henderson, and it was adopted. (See page 108.)

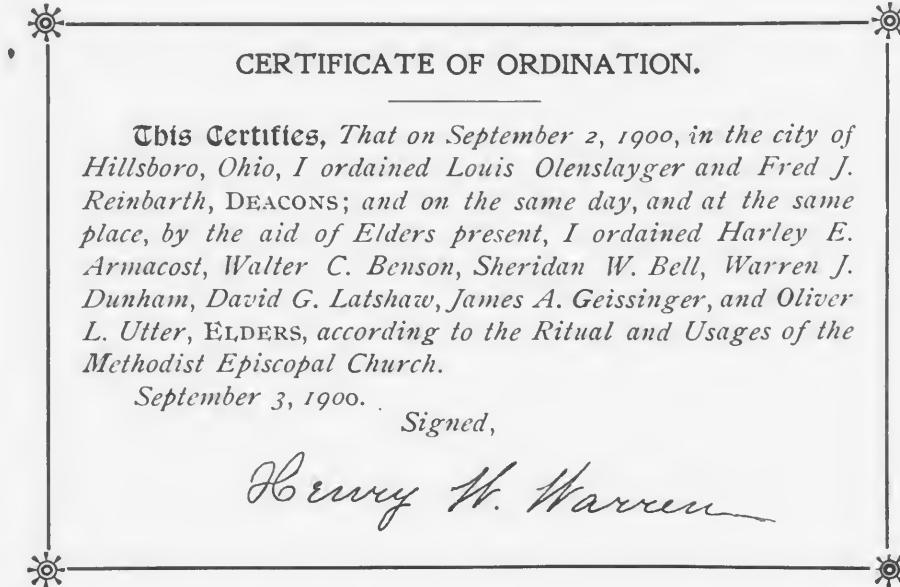
T. H. Pearne made a report of the Commissioners of the Hillsboro College, and the report was ordered placed on file. He also offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the action had by the Trustees of the Hillsboro College, in the propositions submitted by them to the Board of Education, Hills-

boro Special School District, accepted by said Board of Education, Hillsboro Special School District, and since ratified and confirmed by the said Trustees of the Hillsboro College, be, and the same is hereby, confirmed by this Conference.

On motion of J. A. Story, the program providing for a meeting in the interests of the Preachers' Relief Society this evening, was reconsidered. He also moved that when we adjourn, it be to meet at half past seven o'clock for a business session. The motion prevailed by a count vote of forty-seven to forty.

During the session the Bishop presented for record the following.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This Certifies, That on September 2, 1900, in the city of Hillsboro, Ohio, I ordained Louis Olenslager and Fred J. Reinbarth, DEACONS; and on the same day, and at the same place, by the aid of Elders present, I ordained Harley E. Armacost, Walter C. Benson, Sheridan W. Bell, Warren J. Dunham, David G. Latshaw, James A. Geissinger, and Oliver L. Utter, ELDERS, according to the Ritual and Usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

September 3, 1900.

Signed,

Henry W. Warren

After announcements were made, the Bishop pronounced the benediction.



FIFTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

PURSUANT to adjournment, the Conference assembled at 7.30 P. M., with R. S. Rust in the chair by appointment of the Bishop.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Thomas H. Pearne. The journal was read and approved.

J. W. Bashford moved that we have, as the first order of this evening, the address by Dr. Henderson in the interest of the Preachers' Relief Society. The motion was carried, and Dr.

Henderson responded by reading a poem of N. P. Willis, entitled "The Falcon."

Bishop Warren took the chair.

The officers of the Conference Historical Society were elected. (See page 4.)

J. E. Beery read the report of the Committee on Epworth League Work. Remarks were made by J. W. Bashford concerning the Reading Course, Visiting Lists, and revival work, and the report was adopted. (See page 101.)

Bishop Warren presented his nomination, for Boards of Church Extension and Church Location. (See page 4.)

F. C. English read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, and it was adopted. (See page 108.)

H. C. Weakley presented an abstract of the Minutes of the Conference Trustees, and it was ordered printed in the Minutes. (See page 117.)

He also moved that a vote of thanks be given to J. T. Bail for his valuable and painstaking services as treasurer in care of the funds of the Board of Trustees for the last twenty-five years, without compensation.

The motion was adopted.

J. A. Story offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we authorize the Board of Trustees of the Cincinnati Conference to secure bequests for the benefit of the Conference Claimants, said bequests being subject to annuity to the donors.

JOHN A. STORY,
J. P. PORTER.

C. W. Barnes moved the adoption of the following resolution, and it carried:

Resolved, That we request the publication in the Minutes of next year all the moneys raised during the period of the Twentieth-century Movement for new churches and parsonages, and church and parsonage improvements. Also that a blank for reporting these items be furnished the pastors by the Statistical Secretary.

George V. Morris read the report of the Committee on Deaconess Work. H. C. Weakley, president of the Home for the Aged, spoke concerning that beautiful charity, and the report was adopted. (See page 95.)

Transfers.—The Bishop announced the following transfers: From this Conference, P. C. Curnick to the Detroit, and George K. Morris to the East Ohio; also, J. B. Young from the St. Louis, and C. W. Blodgett from the Detroit, to this.

Special Appointments.—The Bishop announced the following special appointments: To preach Missionary sermon, G. W. Dubois; alternate, A. B. Austin. Memorial sermon, J. A. Story; alternate, William Runyan. Triers of Appeals: W. A. Robinson, M. B. Fuller, J. P. Porter, R. J. Wyckoff, W. A. Wiant, D. Lee Aultman, John A. White.

William Runyan presented the report of the Committee on Twentieth-century Thank-offering, and it was adopted. (See page 121.)

Howard Henderson read the report of the Committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and the report was adopted. (See page 102.)

On motion of A. B. Leonard, Dr. Henderson was instructed to add an amendment concerning the ballot in the South.

E. T. Wells offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, The claims of our superannuates are made one of the objects of the Twentieth-century Thank-offering; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we publicly present the cause in our congregations in January, 1901, and urge our people to make bequests and gifts for an endowment fund, the interest of which shall be used for superannuates, and that they do this in addition to their regular contributions.

J. A. STORY,
J. P. PORTER,
E. T. WELLS.

F. G. Mitchell offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, Dr. George K. Morris is about to leave our Conference for pastoral service elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, He has greatly helped his brethren during the Conference sessions by his valuable addresses from time to time, and has endeared himself to them by his fraternal bearing on all occasions; therefore,

Resolved, That we greatly regret the necessity of his departure, and shall ever rejoice in his success, and bid him God-speed in all the work of the Master, wherever that work may be.

FRANK G. MITCHELL,	V. F. BROWN,
J. W. MAGRUDER,	WM. RUNYAN,
A. B. LEONARD,	J. W. BASHFORD,
CHARLES L. CONGER,	

E. T. Lane read the report of the Auditing Committee, and it was adopted. (See page 95.)

It was directed that Statistical Table No. 2 be printed by district recapitulations only.

The Fourth Question—“*Who are Admitted on Trial?*”—was taken up. William W. Reeves, recommended by Walker and Union Quarterly Conference, and Edward W. Lutterman, recommended by Christie Quarterly Conference, were introduced. Their examinations were reported, and they were favorably represented by the Committee on Qualifications and by their Presiding Elders, and were admitted on trial. The Bishop was requested to leave E. W. Lutterman without appointment to attend school.

The Twenty-second Question—“*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*”—was taken up. Charles Hartley, W. G. Warner, C. J. Wells, J. L. Glascock, M. A. Richards, and T. P. Walter were continued in the same relation.

On motion of R. H. Rust, it was decided to appoint two Conference evangelists.

Jonathan Verity was made effective, and the Bishop was requested to appoint him Conference evangelist.

The Twenty-third Question—“*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*”—was called. Sylvester Weeks and John H. Davis were granted superannuated relations.

The Thirtieth Question—“*Where shall the Next Conference be held?*”—was called. J. F. Marlay presented an invitation from Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Dayton, and it was cordially accepted by a unanimous rising vote.

A. G. Newton read the report of the Committee on Sunday-schools, and it was adopted. (See page 110.)

The officers of the Temperance Society were re-elected.

The addition to the report on the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Societies was read by Howard Henderson.

A bill of expense from the Board of Examination, amounting to one dollar and a half, presented by F. G. Mitchell, and one for ten dollars for traveling expenses of T. H. Pearne in connection with the Twentieth-century Thank-offering, were ordered paid out of the Publishing Funds.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by R. K. Deem, and adopted by a rising vote. (See page 107.) Bishop Warren then announced hymn 816, beginning

"And let our bodies part,"

and led in prayer. He then announced the appointments. (See page 40.) And the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

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SPECIAL SERVICES.

Wednesday, August 29, 1900.

3.30 P. M.—Missionary Sermon, Rev. Marcellus B. Fuller.
7.30 P. M.—Anniversary Church Extension Society, Rev. W. A. Spencer, D. D., Corresponding Secretary.

Thursday, August 30, 1900.

8.30 A. M.—Address, "Conversion, the Main End of Our Ministry," Rev. D. Lee Aultman.
2.00 P. M.—Anniversary Woman's Home Missionary Society, Rev. J. W. Bashford, D. D.
3.30 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. Levi Gilbert, D. D., Editor *Western Christian Advocate*.
7.30 P. M.—Anniversary Educational Society, Rev. W. F. McDowell, D. D., Corresponding Secretary, and Rev. J. W. Bashford, D. D.

Friday, August 31, 1900.

8.30 A. M.—Address, "How Secure the Co-operation of the Laity?" Rev. George K. Morris, D. D.
2.00 P. M.—Anniversary Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Miss Willma H. Rouse, of China.
3.30 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D.
7.30 P. M.—Anniversary Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, Rev. W. P. Thirkield, D. D., Corresponding Secretary.

Saturday, September 1, 1900.

8.30 A. M.—Address, "What Aid may be Expected of the Holy Ghost, and How may It be Secured?" Rev. A. N. Spahr.
2.00 P. M.—Anniversary Historical Society, Wm. Runyan, D. D., D. W. Clark, D. D., Merrick E. Ketcham.
2.00 P. M.—Anniversary Preachers' Wives' Association, Presbyterian Church, Mrs. T. H. Pearne, President.
3.30 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. W. A. Robinson, D. D.
7.30 P. M.—Anniversary Conference Temperance Society, C. N. Howard, Rochester, N. Y.

Sunday, September 2, 1900.

9.00 A. M.—Conference Love-feast, Rev. T. H. Pearne, D. D., in charge.
10.15 A. M.—Ordination of Deacons.
10.30 A. M.—Sermon, Bishop Henry W. Warren, D. D., LL. D.
3.00 A. M.—Sermon, Rev. T. B. Neely, D. D., LL. D., Philadelphia, Pa.,
and Ordination of Elders.
6.30 P. M.—Epworth League Rally, Rev. W. P. Thirkield, D. D.
7.30 P. M.—Anniversary Missionary Society, Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D.,
Corresponding Secretary.

Monday, September 3, 1900.

8.30 A. M.—Address, "Felicities of Scripture Expression not Usually
Brought Out in the English Version," Bishop Henry W.
Warren, D. D., LL. D.
10.30 A. M.—Memorial Sermon, Rev. Heber D. Ketcham.
2.30 P. M.—Address, "Personal Magnetism," Rev. Geo. K. Morris, D. D.
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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*

Oliver L. Utter, from the Kansas Conference; George B. Nind, from the New England Southern Conference; C. W. Blodgett, from the Detroit Conference; W. P. Thirkield, from the Atlanta Conference; J. B. Young, from the St. Louis Conference.

2. *Who have been readmitted?*

None.

3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*

None.

4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—William W. Reeves, Edward W. Lutterman.

(b) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—None.

5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—None.

(b) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR.—Charles P. Pumphrey.

(c) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—Samuel A. Stephan.

(d) IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR.—Samuel A. Keen.

6. *Who have been Discontinued?*

None.

7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR.—None.

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY.—Sheridan W. Bell, Louis A. Washburn, David G. Latshaw.

8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*

(a) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.—None.

(b) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY.—Henry C. Hutchinson.

9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*

Howard L. Torbet.

10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR.—Sheridan W. Bell, David G. Latshaw, James A. Geissinger, Harley E. Armacost, Warren J. Dunham, Oliver L. Utter (elected by the Kansas Conference.)

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY.—Oliver P. Hoffmann, John L. Duckwall, Archie W. Hook.

11. What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

- (a) AS LOCAL PREACHERS.—Louis Olenslayer, Fred J. Reinbarth.
- (b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

12. What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

- (a) AS LOCAL DEACONS.—Walter C. Benson.
- (b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—George B. Nind (elected, not ordained).

13. Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?

It was, in open Conference.

14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?

Madison Swadener, to the North Indiana Conference; George B. Nind, to the Liberia Conference; W. L. Spence (unordained probationer in Studies of Fourth Year), to the Kentucky Conference; P. C. Curnick, to the Detroit Conference; George K. Morris, to the East Ohio Conference; C. L. Mackey, to the New York Conference.

15. Who have Died?

Richard A. Arthur, Wm. I. Fee, James P. Shultz, Absalom M. Griffith, David C. Vance, James S. Whitney.

16. Who have been Located at their Own Request?

None.

17. Who have been Located?

None.

18. Who have Withdrawn?

None.

19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?

None.

20. Who have been Expelled?

None.

21. What other Personal Notation should be made?

None.

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

Charles Hartley, W. G. Warner, C. J. Wells, J. L. Glascock, M. A. Richards, T. P. Walter.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

L. F. Young, J. H. Middleton, J. F. Loyd, W. T. McMullen, Adam Miller, J. F. Hull, S. N. Marsh, T. E. Fidler, W. H. Sutherland, G. W. Fee, J. L. Gregg, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, H. M. Keck, W. N. Maxey, J. I. Taggart, S. W. Carey, Thomas J. Harris, S. W. Edmiston, E. P. James, J. G. Black, J. W. Hickman, J. T. Bail, S. B. Smith, W. M. West, William P. Jackson, J. R. Hunter, Adam Bowers, L. O. Deputy, J. W. Mason, John H. Davis, Sylvester Weeks.

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

W. A. Robinson, M. B. Fuller, J. P. Porter, R. J. Wyckoff, W. A. Wiant, D. L. Aultman, John A. White.

25. What is the Statistical Report for this Year?

Membership, 52,559; increase, 1,291. Probationers, 2,006; increase, 157. (See Statistical Table.)

26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
\$53,041.**27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?**

\$10,875.

28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?

\$7,109.93. (See Stewards' Report, page 70.)

29. Where are the Preachers Stationed?

(See List of Appointments, page 40.)

30. Where shall the Next Conference be held?

Grace Church, Dayton.

APPOINTMENTS.

N. B.—Post-office, when different from appointment, inserted in parentheses. 2. In appointments where there are two names, the first is the post-office. 3. Supplies in brackets. 4. Numerals at right hand indicate the years of service entered upon. 5. Names of undergraduates in *Italics*.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

DAVIS W. CLARK, Presiding Elder, 1.
P. O., Cincinnati, 0.
Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge,—
To be Supplied.
Carthage and Elmwood Place,—
S. G. Pollard, 3.
CINCINNATI:
Asbury, W. H. Spybey, 3.
Avondale, . . . E. P. Edmonds, 2.
Christie, J. R. Colley, 5.
Clifton, R. H. Rust, 1.
Columbia, . . . F. C. English, 1.
Cumminsville, William Runyan, 4.
Delta Avenue, . . . C. T. Crum, 1.
E. Pearl Street, . To be Supplied.
Fairmount, . . . F. M. Kirgan, 3.
Finley, . . . I. R. Marshall, 2.
Linwood, . . . To be Supplied.
McKendree, . . . J. W. Gaddis, 1.
Mt. Auburn, . . . R. J. Wyckoff, 5.
Mt. Lookout, . . . G. V. Morris, 1.
Price Hill, . . . S. W. Bell, 3.
Riverside, . . . To be Supplied.
St. Paul, . . . C. W. Blodgett, 1.
Trinity, . . . W. A. Robinson, 3.
Walnut Hills, . . . J. B. Young, 1.
Wesley Chapel,—
Gervaise Roughton, 4.
Westwood, . . . D. G. Latshaw, 2.
York Street, . . Edw. McHugh, 3.
Cleves and Addyston, B. D. Hypes, 1.
Delhi, . . . H. A. M. Henderson, 5.
Groesbeck, . . . S. B. Timmons, 2.
Hartwell, . . . W. H. Wehrly, 5.
Harrison, . . . T. D. Moore, 2.
Lockland-Wyoming, W. L. Y. Davis, 1.
Madisonville, . . . W. A. Deaton, 2.

NORWOOD:

First Church, . . . J. E. Beery, 1.
Grace Church, . . G. B. Shanor, 2.
Winton Place, . . . E. Burdsall, 2.
R. S. Rust, Honorary Secretary of
the Freedmen's Aid and Southern
Education Society, member of St.
Paul (Cincinnati) Quarterly Con-
ference.
J. W. Bashford, President of Ohio
Wesleyan University, member of
Walnut Hills (Cincinnati) Quar-
terly Conference.
H. C. Weakley, President of the Dea-
coness Home Association, and Pres-
ident of the Home for the Aged,
member of Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati)
Quarterly Conference.
W. K. Brown, Professor Twin Valley
College, member of St. Paul (Cin-
cinnati) Quarterly Conference.
J. E. Gilbert, General Secretary of
American Society of Religious Edu-
cation, Member of Asbury (Cin-
cinnati) Quarterly Conference.
T. H. Pearne, Secretary of Con-
ference Twentieth-century Fund,
member of St. Paul (Cincinnati)
Quarterly Conference.
George M. Hammell, Professor in
the American Temperance Univer-
sity, member of Walnut Hills (Cin-
cinnati) Quarterly Conference.
D. J. Starr, Chaplain Ohio Peni-
tiary, member of Trinity (Cin-
cinnati) Quarterly Conference.
M. M. Kugler, Instructor in Deacon-
ess Home.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

J. F. MARLAY, . . Presiding Elder, 3.
P. O., Dayton, O.

Bethany, J. H. Lease, 1.
Camden and Somerville,—
C. L. Chapman, 3.
Centerville, J. A. White, 1.
Concord, J. P. Ninde, 1.

DAYTON:

Broadway, . . Creighton Wones, 3.
Grace, C. W. Gullette, 3.
Riverdale, G. W. Vorhis, 4.
Raper, J. J. McCabe, 3.
St. Paul, J. G. Vaughan, 3.
Trinity, E. M. Ellsworth, 2.
Eaton, L. E. Prentiss, 3.
Ebenezer and Homestead Ave,—
O. L. Utter, 1.
Fairhaven, J. F. McColm, 2.
Fort Jefferson, J. A. Winkler, 2.
Franklin, A. B. Austin, 2.
Germantown, C. L. Myers, 1.
Glendale and Port Union,—
A. T. Cowgill, 2.
Gordon, [F. S. Reinbarth].
Hamilton, C. E. Schenk, 2.
Lewisburg, To be Supplied.
Miamisburg, J. E. Abrams, 3.
Middletown, D. L. Aultman, 4.
Mouroe, F. Lever, 1.
New Paris, J. McK. Shultz, 2.
Osborn, R. E. Smith, 1.
Oxford, J. P. Porter, 5.
Red Lion and Merrittstown,—
Henry Hershey, 2.

Seven Mile, . . . O. P. Hoffman, 1.
Springboro and Lytle,—

J. W. Patton, 1.
Venice (Ross), . . O. D. Becker, 3.
Walker, Reilly and Union,—
W. W. Reeves, 2.
West Alexandria, . . To be Supplied.
West Carrollton, . . A. K. Stabler, 4.
West Chester, . . J. A. Jenkinson, 4.
West Elkton, . . . [Fee Naylor,] 2.

T. Collett, Financial Agent Preachers' Relief Society, member of Middletown Quarterly Conference.

John Pearson, Field Agent of American Bible Society, member of Grace (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.

F. M. Clemans, Agent Anti-saloon League, member of Broadway (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.

A. W. Hook, Conference Evangelist, Dayton, O., member of Broadway Quarterly Conference.

J. Verity, Conference Evangelist, Middletown, O., Quarterly Conference.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

G. H. DART, . . . Presiding Elder, 6.
P. O., Milford, O.
Aberdeen, H. E. Armacost, 1.
Amelia, A. L. Brokaw, 4.
Batavia, H. W. Bailey, 4.
Bethel, A. G. Newton, 5.
Butlerville (Pleasant Plains),—
[J. W. Burdsall,] 1.
Centenary (Mulberry),—
[H. O. Collins,] 1.
Chilo, [W. E. Shiver,] 2.
Decatur, W. S. Gray, 1.
Feesburg, C. H. Kalbfus, 3.
Felicity, W. J. Dunham, 2.
Georgetown, C. W. Horn, 2.
Goshen, W. J. Baker, 1.
Laurel, T. G. Williams, 2.
Lebanon, J. L. Shively, 2.
Loveland, E. S. Gaddis, 5.
Maineville, G. M. Fulton, 3.
Manchester, I. E. Price, 1.
Marathon, L. A. Washburn, 1.
Mason, W. A. Wiant, 4.
Milford, M. LeSourd, 1.
Montgomery, To be Supplied.
Morrow, W. E. Putt, 3.
Moscow, J. D. Darling, 6.
Mount Washington, To be Supplied.
New Richmond, . . C. F. Enyart, 1.
Newtown, L. M. Davis, 4.
Owensville, W. P. English, 1.
Ripley, J. A. Geissinger, 2.
S. Lebanon, To be Supplied.

Summerside, . . . W. E. Spurrier, 5.
 West Union, . . . G. S. Easton, 3.
 Williamsburg, . . . E. T. Lane, 3.
 Williamsburg Circuit,—
 (E. J. T. Connelly,) 1.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

V. F. BROWN, . . Presiding Elder, 2.
 P. O., Hillsboro, O.
 Belfast (Bell), . . Thomas Cundy, 2.
 Blanchester, . . . C. H. Haines, 3.
 Bowersville, . . . J. H. McNary, 1.
 Clarksville, . . . J. S. Ruggles, 3.
 • Dunkinsville, . . . To be Supplied.
 Greenfield, . . . F. G. Mitchell, 4.
 Highland, . . . C. C. Peale, 1.
 Hillsboro, . . . S. O. Royal, 1.
 Jamestown, . . . U. G. Humphrey, 3.
 Leesburg, . . . H. C. Middleton, 5.
 Lynchburg, . . . W. M. Patton, 1.
 Martinsville, . . . D. A. McCollin, 1.
 Mount Orab, . . . [D. W. Clark,] 1.
 New Burlington, . . R. K. Deem, 3.
 New Jasper, . . . C. W. Briggs, 4.
 New Vienna, . . . John Wilson, 4.
 Peebles, . . . J. E. H. Sentman, 1.
 Rainsboro, . . . H. G. Curless, 3.
 Sabina, . . . G. P. Austin, 5.
 Sinking Spring, . . W. B. Brown, 1.
 Sugar Tree Ridge,—
 D. W. C. Washburn, 1.

Union (Spring Valley),—

Philip Trout, 1.

Waynesville, . . . W. M. Coffman, 2.
 Wilmington, . . . E. T. Wells, 1.
 Winchester, . . . G. H. Smith, 3.

XENIA:

First Church, . . A. C. Turrell, 3.
 Trinity, . . . M. E. Ketcham, 2.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

C. W. BARNES, . Presiding Elder, 3.
 P. O., Springfield, O.
 Arcanum, . . E. L. Hollingsworth, 1.
 Brandt, To be Supplied.
 Catawba, J. R. Hill, 1.

Cedarville, A. Hamilton, 1.
 Christiansburg, . . . J. F. Laird, 2.
 Covington, G. L. Travis, 3.
 Dalton, J. L. Dalbey, 1.
 Greenville, C. L. Conger, 6.
 King's Creek, . . . To be Supplied.
 Mechanicsburg, . . . A. N. Spalir, 3.
 Mutual, C. D. Munsey, 1.
 New Carlisle, G. L. Tufts, 2.
 New Moorefield, . . R. S. McCollin, 1.

PIQUA:

Grace, O. M. Sellers, 2.
 Greene St., . . H. D. Ketcham, 4.
 South Charleston, J. S. Pumphrey, 3.
 South Charleston Circuit,—
 C. P. Pumphrey, 2.

SPRINGFIELD:

Central, C. M. Van Pelt, 2.
 Clifton Ave., . . S. W. Campbell, 1.
 Grace, J. L. Duckwall, 2.
 High Street, J. A. Story, 6.
 St. Paul, J. W. Peters, 2.
 Tippecanoe City, . . J. A. Easton, 2.
 Tremont City (Westville),—
 A. D. Maddox, 1.
 Troy, G. W. Dubois, 1.
 Troy Circuit, S. A. Keen, 2.

URBANA:

First Church, . . M. B. Fuller, 5.
 Grace, E. H. Cherington, 3.
 Yellow Springs, . . C. W. Elliott, 3.
 A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary Missionary Society, member of Greene Street (Piqua) Quarterly Conference.
 C. W. Rishell, Professor in Boston School of Theology, member of Central Church (Springfield) Quarterly Conference.
 J. W. Magruder, Professor in Ohio Wesleyan University, member of Wesley Chapel (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
 S. A. Stephan, H. C. Hutchinson, H. L. Torbet, and E. W. Luttermann left without appointments to attend some one of our schools.

SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS.

N. B.—Figures after the names indicate the number of years of effective service.

Charles Hartley, 7, Hillsboro, Ohio.
 Charles J. Wells, 25, Norfolk, Va.
 W. G. Warner, 12, Oxford Quarterly Conference.
 J. L. Glascock, 11, Mt. Lookout Quarterly Conference.
 Madison A. Richards, 24, Walnut Hills Quarterly Conference.
 Thomas P. Walter, Evansville, Ind.
 D. S. Ewry, Mt. Orab, O.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

W. N. Maxey, 9, Lynchburg Quarterly Conference.
 J. I. Taggart, 5, Rainsboro Quarterly Conference.
 W. T. McMullen, 15, Owenville Quarterly Conference.
 Adam Miller, 18, Clark Street, Chicago, Ill.
 S. N. Marsh, 13, Fresno, Cal.
 J. F. Hull, 17, Rowland, Ala.
 T. E. Fidler, 30, Grace, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
 J. G. Black, 37, New Carlisle Quarterly Conference.
 H. M. Keck, 32, Hamilton Quarterly Conference.
 M. P. Zink, 40, Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
 G. M. Edgar, 34, Troy Quarterly Conference.
 George W. Fee, 28, Mt. Orab Quarterly Conference.
 John L. Gregg, 30, Manhattan, Kan.
 John Vance, 35, New Moorefield Quarterly Conference.
 S. W. Carey, 19, Grace, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
 Thomas J. Harris, 29, Norwood Quarterly Conference.
 J. H. Middleton, 36, Greenfield Quarterly Conference.
 J. F. Loyd, 44, Highland, O.
 S. W. Edmiston, 33, Winchester Quarterly Conference.
 E. P. James, 38, Delaware, O., William St. Quarterly Conference.
 W. H. Sutherland, 55, Wyoming, O.
 J. W. Hickman, 13, Pursley, W. Va.
 L. F. Young, 23, Georgetown Quarterly Conference.
 J. T. Bail, 49, Norwood Quarterly Conference.
 S. B. Smith, 45, 44 Madison St., Grand Rapids, Michigan.
 W. P. Jackson, 33, Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
 W. M. West, 27, Newtown Quarterly Conference.
 J. R. Hunter, 29, Lebanon Quarterly Conference.
 L. O. Deputy, 18, Price Hill, Cincinnati.
 Adam Bowers, 29, Greene Street, Piqua Quarterly Conference.
 Sylvester Weeks, Eustis, Fla.
 John W. Mason, Milford Quarterly Conference.
 J. H. Davis, Sinking Spring, O.

CONFERENCE BIOGRAPHY.

NAME.	DATE OF BIRTH.	WHERE BORN.	FORMER OCCUPATION.	YEAR ENTER'D ITINE'CY	FIRST CONFERENCE JOINED.		WHEN ORDAINED.	
					On Trial...	Full Connection...	Deacon....	Elder.....
Abrams, James E.....	Feb. 28, 1865	Ohio.....	18 Student.....	1889	1891 Cincinnati.....	1889	1889	1891
Armacost, Harley E.....	Sept. 9, 1868	Ohio.....	10 Farm. & Teach	1893	1895 Cincinnati.....	1893	1895	1900
Aultman, D. Lee.....	Sept. 5, 1849	Ohio.....	16 Teacher	1872	1875 Cincinnati.....	1872	1875	1877
Austin, Alpheus A.....	Jan. 24, 1863	Ohio.....	10	1886	1888 Cincinnati.....	1886	1888	1890
Austin, Gilbert P.....	July 24, 1856	Ohio.....	15 Farmer	1883	1885 Ohio.....	1880	1885	1887
Bail, James T.....	Apr. 25, 1824	Ohio.....	21 Teacher	1848	1850 Ohio.....	1853	1848	1850
Bailey, Henry W.....	Apr. 29, 1851	Ohio.....	14 Potter	1875	1877 Kentucky.....	1892	1877	1870
Baker, William J.....	May 16, 1847	Ohio.....	20 Clerk	1874	1876 Cincinnati.....	1874	1876	1878
Barnes, Charles W.....	June 4, 1857	Ohio.....	11 Student.....	1881	1883 Cincinnati.....	1881	1881	1884
Bashford, James W.....	May 29, 1849	Wisconsin	..... Student.....	1875	1877 New England	1889	1875	.....
Becker, Oren D.....	July 25, 1853	Ohio.....	9 Teacher	1888	1890 Cincinnati.....	1888	1890	1892
Beery, John E.....	May 4, 1867	Indiana.....	13 Farmer	1891	1893 W. Wisconsin	1896	1893	1896
Bell, Sheridan W.....	Sept. 24, 1864	Ohio.....	17 Farmer	1898	..... Cincinnati	1898	1898	.....
Black, John G.....	Apr. 29, 1824	Ohio.....	17 Farmer	1856	1858 Cincinnati.....	1856	1856	1858
Blodgett, Chas. W.....	..... Wisconsin	.....	19 Student.....	1860	1871 Des Moines.....	1900	1871	1873
Bowers, Adam.....	July 24, 1841	Ohio.....	14	1865	1867 Cincinnati.....	1865	1865	1869
Briggs, Charles W.....	Jan. 16, 1844	Ohio	24 Farmer	1887	1889 Cincinnati.....	1887	1889	1891
Brokaw, Abraham L.....	June 4, 1864	Ohio.....	14 Clerk	1892	1892 U. B. Church	1891	.....	1890
Brown, Valorous F.....	Aug. 16, 1856	Ohio.....	13 Farmer	1879	1881 Cincinnati	1879	1880	1882
Brown, William B.....	Jan. 23, 1849	Ohio.....	11 Teacher	1887	1889 Ohio.....	1897	1882	1889
Brown, William K.....	Aug. 3, 1834	Pennsyl'a.....	16 Farmer	1856	1858 Pittsburg	1885	1858	1860
Burdsall, Edmund.....	June 14, 1846	Ohio.....	9 Teacher	1860	1872 Cincinnati.....	1869	1872	1874
Campbell, Samuel W.....	Mar. 9, 1856	Ohio.....	27 Farmer	1886	1888 Cincinnati.....	1886	1886	1891
Carey, Samuel W.....	Mar. 17, 1831	Ohio.....	17 Bricklayer	1865	1867 Cincinnati	1865	1863	1869
Chapman, Charles L.....	Apr. 2, 1865	Pennsyl'a.....	8 Farmer	1893	1897 Cincinnati	1893	.....	1899
Cherington, Edgar H.....	Jan. 6, 1867	Ohio.....	18 Teacher	1882	1884 Cincinnati	1882	1884	.....
Clark, Davis W.....	July 28, 1849	N. Y. City	10 Student.....	1875	1877 Cincinnati	1875	1875	1880
Clemans, Francis M.....	June 28, 1835	Ohio.....	18 Teacher	1866	1868 Cincinnati	1866	.....	1864
Coffman, William M.....	Sept. 30, 1861	Indiana.....	15 Teacher	1891	1893 Cincinnati	1891	1893	.....
Collett, Thomas.....	Sept. 3, 1824	England	17 Builder	1850	1852 Ohio.....	1852	1849	1854
Colley, James R.....	Aug. 8, 1859	England	14 Insurance	1880	1888 Minnesota	1893	1888	1890
Conger, Charles L.....	Apr. 13, 1854	Ohio.....	20 Teacher	1878	1880 North Ohio	1880	1879	1881
Cowgill, Amos T.....	Aug. 17, 1847	Ohio.....	20 Farmer	1885	1887 Cincinnati	1885	1887	1889
Crum, Carey T.....	.....	.....	.....	1867	1866 Cincinnati	1867	1869	1871
Cundy, Thomas.....	May 16, 1848	England	13 Mechanic	1871	1873 Philadelphia	1879	1873	1875
Curless, Homer G.....	Sept. 16, 1864	Ohio.....	13 Farmer	1891	1893 Cincinnati	1891	1893	.....
Dalbey, John L.....	Nov. 20, 1856	Ohio.....	17 Engineer	1883	1885 Ohio. M. P.....	1888	.....	1885
Darling, James D.....	June 20, 1866	Ohio.....	17 Teacher	1892	1894 Cincinnati	1892	1891	1896
Dart, George H.....	Oct. 25, 1835	Cincinnati	14 Book-keeper	1856	1858 Cincinnati	1856	1858	1860
Davis, John H.....	June 16, 1847	Ohio.....	14 Teacher	1874	1876 Cincinnati	1874	1876	1879
Davis, Lucien M.....	Apr. 24, 1845	Ohio.....	19 Farmer	1871	1873 Cincinnati	1871	1873	1875
Davis, Wilbur L. Y.....	Nov. 22, 1864	Ohio.....	13 Newspaper	1892	1894 Cincinnati	1892	1894	1896
Deaton, William A.....	May 11, 1864	Ohio.....	10 Farmer	1891	1893 Cincinnati	1891	1891	1895
Deem, Reuben K.....	Apr. 15, 1840	Ohio.....	13 Teacher	1863	1865 Erie	1865	1865	1867
Deputy, Leonidas O.....	Feb. 5, 1846	Ohio.....	11 Teacher	1880	1882 Cincinnati	1880	1882	1884
Dubois, George W.....	Oct. 10, 1851	Cincinnati	14 Student.....	1875	1877 Cincinnati	1875	1876	1879
Duckwall, John L.....	Feb. 6, 1872	Ohio.....	.....	1897	1899 Cincinnati	1897	1897	1899
Dunham, Warren J.....	July 25, 1872	Ohio.....	18 Merchant	1896	1899 Cincinnati	1896	1897	.....
Easton, George S.....	May 14, 1847	Ohio.....	22 Clerk	1882	1884 Kentucky	1887	1883	1886
Easton, John A.....	Aug. 9, 1852	Ohio.....	16 Teacher	1874	1876 Cincinnati	1874	1876	1878
Edgar, George M.....	Aug. 11, 1828	Virginia	24 Carpenter	1855	1857 Cincinnati	1855	1857	1859
Edmiston, Sullivan W.....	Aug. 29, 1832	Ohio.....	20 Teacher	1857	1859 Cincinnati	1857	1859	1861
Edmonds, Eugene P.....	Sept. 12, 1855	Ohio.....	11	1877	1881 East Ohio	1899	1878	1881
Elliott, Calvin W.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1888	1890	1892
Ellsworth, Earl M.....	Mar. 30, 1875	Dayton	14	1895	1897 Cincinnati	1895	1897	1899
English, Frank C.....	Dec. 27, 1865	Ohio.....	10 Teacher	1890	1892 Cincinnati	1890	1891	1894
English, William D.....	Dec. 21, 1857	Iowa	17 Farmer	1890	1895 Des Moines	1897	1895	1899
Enyart, Charles F.....	Feb. 9, 1865	Indiana.....	18 Farmer	1890	1892 Indiana	1892	1892	1894
Ewry, David S.....	Mar. 19, 1865	Indiana.....	22 Blacksmith	1892	1894 Cincinnati	1892	1894	1896
Fee, George W.....	.....	.....	.....	1858	1860 Cincinnati	1858	1860	1862
Fidler, Thornton E.....	1831	Ohio.....	25 Teacher	1858	1860 Cincinnati	1858	1860	1862
Fuller, Marcellus B.....	June 12, 1868	Ohio.....	11 Student.....	1891	1893 Cincinnati	1891	1892	1895
Fulton, George M.....	May 21, 1842	Virginia	16 Merchant	1883	1886 Cincinnati	1883	1877	1886
Gaddis, Eugene S.....	Nov. 9, 1863	Dayton	19 Clerk	1888	1890 Cincinnati	1888	1889	1891

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						Elder.....
Gaddis, John W.....	June 26, 1849	Ohio.....	15 Carpenter.....	1876 Cincinnati.....	1874 1874	1878
Geissinger, J. Allen.....	Oct. 14, 1873	Ohio.....	16.....	1808 Cincinnati.....	1896 1896	.....
Gilbert, James E.....	Dec. 20, 1839	New York.....	16 Teacher.....	1873 Cincinnati.....	1871 1871	1873
Glascok, James L.....	.....	.....	.....	1882 1884 Cincinnati.....	1882 1883	1886
Gray, Walter S.....	.....	.....	.....	1893 Cincinnati.....	1890 1892	1895
Gullette, Charles W.....	Sept 25, 1865	Ohio.....	19 Teacher.....	1890 1880 S. E. Indiana.....	1889 1880	1882
Gregg, John L.....	Nov. 17, 1853	Indiana.....	14 Teacher.....	1877 1856 Cincinnati.....	1856 1858	1860
Haines, Charles H.....	Oct. 16, 1826	Pennsyl'a.....	9 Teacher.....	1856 1882 Cincinnati.....	1880 1882	1884
Hamilton, Andrew.....	July 26, 1851	Ohio.....	16.....	1880 1882 Cincinnati.....	1866 1868	1870
Hammell, George M.....	Dec. 10, 1841	Ireland.....	17 Merchant.....	1866 1868 Cincinnati.....	1874 1876	1878
Harris, Thomas J.....	July 20, 1852	Ohio.....	16 Sign Painter.....	1876 Cincinnati.....	1860 1862	1864
Hartley, Charles.....	Feb. 21, 1834	Ohio.....	26 Lawyer.....	1860 1862 Cincinnati.....	1888 1858	1860
Henderson, Howard A.M.....	Apr. 2, 1857	England.....	12 Student.....	1887 1890 Cincinnati.....	1888 1889	1884
Hershey, Henry.....	Feb. 1, 1855	Kentucky.....	19 Student.....	1856 1858 Ky. M. E. South.....	1886 1889	1893
Hickman, Jeremiah W.....	1850	W. Va.....	19 Teacher.....	1880 1882 Minnesota.....	1886 1882	1884
Hill, James R.....	Oct. 25, 1852	Ohio.....	25 Teacher.....	1890 1892 Cincinnati.....	1890 1891	1894
Hoffman, Oliver P.....	Oct. 31, 1867	Ohio.....	20 Teacher.....	1897 1899 Cincinnati.....	1897 1895	1899
Hollingsworth, Edward L.....	.....	Cincinnati.....	21 Clerk.....	1894 1896 Cincinnati.....	1894 1896	1899
Hook, Archie W.....	Mar. 28, 1858	Ohio.....	18 Liverymen	1896 1880 S. O. Christian.....	1896	1888
Horn, Calvin W.....	Nov. 19, 1865	Ohio.....	22 Teacher.....	1892 1894 Cincinnati.....	1892 1892	2896
Hull, John F.....	May 28, 1840	Ohio.....	13 Teacher.....	1863 1866 Cincinnati' i.....	1863 1866	1868
Humphrey, Ulysses G.....	Aug. 3, 1865	Ohio.....	20 Teacher.....	1891 1893 Cincinnati.....	1891 1893	1895
Hunter, J. Raper.....	Apr. 15, 1842	Ohio.....	23 Clerk.....	1868 1870 Cincinnati.....	1868 1870	1872
Hutchinson, Henry C.....	Aug. 26, 1865	Ohio.....	21 Farmer.....	1894 1899 Cincinnati.....	1894 1897	.....
Hypes, Benjamin D.....	Nov. 3, 1856	Ohio.....	17 Student.....	1879 1881 Cincinnati.....	1879 1881	1883
Jackson, William P.....	Jan. 18, 1835	Ohio.....	11 Teacher.....	1865 1867 Cincinnati.....	1865 1865	1867
James, Evan P.....	Feb. 28, 1828	Gt. Britain.....	12 Farmer.....	1850 1856 Cincinnati.....	1856 1858	1860
Jenkinson, James A.....	Dec. 4, 1867	Ohio.....	20 Teacher.....	1895 1897 Cincinnati.....	1895 1897	1899
Joyce, Isaac W.....	Oct. 11, 1836	Ohio.....	16 Teacher.....	1859 1861 N. W. Indiana.....	1880 1861	1863
Kalbfus, Charles H.....	May 17, 1834	Virginia.....	12 Teacher.....	1871 1873 Cincinnati.....	1871 1873	1875
Keck, Henry M.....	Dec. 29, 1858	Pennsyl'a.....	14 Teacher.....	1856 1858 Cincinnati.....	1856 1858	1866
Ketcham, Heber D.....	Apr. 4, 1856	Ohio.....	10 Student.....	1884 1886 Cincinnati.....	1884 1884	1888
Keen, Samuel A.....	May 25, 1874	Ohio.....	11.....	1882 1884 New York.....	1889 1883	1886
Kirgan, Francis M.....	Oct. 29, 1851	Ohio.....	15 Farmer	1880 1882 Cincinnati.....	1880 1878	1884
Kugler, M. M.....	.....	.....	.....	1875 1877 Cincinnati.....	1875 1877	1879
Laird, John F.....	June 11, 1853	Indiana.....	12 Farmer	1885 1887 Cincinnati.....	1885 1886	1889
Lane, Edward T.....	.....	.....	13.....	1879 1881 Cincinnati.....	1879 1881	1883
Lashaw, David G.....	Dec. 7, 1860	Pennsyl'a.....	21 Student.....	1895 Erie	1899 1899	.....
Lease, John H.....	July 5, 1832	Pennsyl'a.....	11 Teacher.....	1858 1862 C. Penna.....	1874 1880	1882
Leever, Frank.....	June 26, 1851	Ohio.....	10 Student.....	1876 1878 Cincinnati.....	1876 1876	1880
Leonard, Adna B.....	Aug. 2, 1837	Ohio.....	18 Farmer	1860 1862 Pittsburgh.....	1873 1862	1864
LeSourd, Marion.....	.....	.....	.....	1881 1883 Cincinnati.....	1881 1881	1884
Loyd, John F.....	Mar. 31, 1825	Ohio.....	13 Lawyer.....	1849 1851 Ohio.....	1852 1851	1853
Luttermann, Edward W.....	Sept. 25, 1875	Cincinnati.....	18 Student.....	1900 Ciucinnati	1900 1899	.....
Maddox, Allen D.....	Apr. 2, 1848	Ohio.....	18 Teacher	1875 1877 Cincinnati	1875 1870	1879
Magruder, James W.....	Sept. 13, 1864	Ohio.....	22.....	1889 1891 Cincinnati	1889 1890	1891
Marlay, John F.....	Mar. 15, 1827	Ohio.....	16 Teacher	1850 1852 Ohio.....	1852 1852	1854
Marsh, Seren N.....	Oct. 15, 1842	Ohio.....	21 Teacher	1869 1871 Cincinnati	1869 1868	1872
Marshall, Isaac R.....	July 5, 1850	Ohio.....	20 Farmer	1893 1895 Cincinnati	1893 1891	1893
Mason, John W.....	May 5, 1836	Virginia.....	14 Painter	1858 1858 Cincinnati	1856 1858	1860
Maxey, William N.....	Mar. 12, 1828	Ohio.....	12 Farmer	1855 1857 Cincinnati	1855 1857	1859
McCabe, John J.....	Mar. 20, 1859	Ohio.....	19 Student.....	1882 1884 Cincinnati	1882 1884	1886
McColm, David A.....	Oct. 25, 1839	Ohio.....	14 Teacher	1878 1880 Cincinnati	1878 1872	1876
McColm, James F.....	Feb. 12, 1844	Ohio.....	14 Teacher	1874 1876 Cincinnati	1874 1875	1878
McColm, Reuben S.....	Oct. 27, 1852	Ohio.....	24 Teacher	1889 1891 Cincinnati	1889 1889	1891
McHugh, Edward.....	Sept. 25, 1837	Ohio.....	17 Student.....	1856 1858 Cincinnati	1850 1858	1860
McMullen, William T.....	Feb. 16, 1821	Ohio.....	18 Blacksmith	1863 1865 Cincinnati	1863 1863	1867
McNary, John H.....	July 28, 1861	Ohio.....	9 Teacher	1888 1889 S. Kansas	1892 1889	1894
Middleton, Homer C.....	Feb. 8, 1835	Ohio.....	24 Farmer	1863 1865 Cincinnati	1863 1865	1867
Middleton, John H.....	May 7, 1832	New York.....	22 Teacher	1856 1858 Cincinnati	1856 1858	1860
Miller, Adam.....	Jan. 22, 1810	Maryland.....	18 Teacher	1831 1833 Ohio	1852 1833	1835
Mitchell, Frank G.....	Nov. 28, 1845	Ohio.....	17 Student.....	1867 1869 Cincinnati	1867 1869	1871
Moore, Thomas D.....	Dec. 24, 1855	Indiana.....	18 Merchant	1887 1889 N. W. Indiana	1894 1889	1891
Morris, George V.....	Dec. 5, 1867	N. Jersey.....	6 Student.....	1891 1893 Cincinnati	1891 1892	1895
Munsey, Canaro D.....	Aug. 12, 1843	Tennessee.....	14 Blacksmith	1879 1881 Holston	1885 1881	1883
Myers, Clifford L.....	June 7, 1866	Cincinnati.....	13 Bank Clerk	1895 1897 Cincinnati	1895 1897	1899
Newton, Abbott G.....	Aug. 13, 1856	Missouri.....	29 Teacher	1888 1890 Cincinnati	1888 1890	1893
Ninde, John P.....	Apr. 12, 1847	Ohio.....	17 Teacher	1890 1892 Cincinnati	1890 1875	1894
Patton, Joseph W.....	Feb. 4, 1868	Ohio.....	15 Farmer	1891 1892 E. Ohio U. B.....	1894	1892

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NAME.	DATE OF BIRTH.	WHERE BORN.	FORMER OCCUPATION.	YEAR ENTER'D ITINE'CY	FIRST CONFERENCE JOINED.	WHEN ORDAINED.
						Elder.....
Patton, William M.....	Oct. 24, 1865	Ohio.....	19 Farmer	1892 1895	Cincinnati	1892 1892 1896
Peale, Charles C.....	Aug. 4, 1870	Ohio.....	13 Physician.....	1895 1897	Cincinnati	1895 1897 1899
Pearne, Thomas H.....	June 7, 1820	.....	13 Med. Student	1839 1841	Oneida.....	1879 1841 1843
Pearson, John.....	Dec. 25, 1842	Ireland	16 Stereotyper.....	1865 1867	Cincinnati	1865 1867 1869
Peters, John W.....	Oct. 4, 1842	Ohio.....	..... Farmer	1866 1868	Cincinnati	1866 1868 1870
Pollard, Samuel G.....	Feb. 26, 1849	Ohio.....	13 Farmer	1873 1875	Kentucky.....	1891 1875 1877
Porter, James P.....	Sept. 2, 1837	Ohio.....	11 Farmer	1864 1866	Cincinnati	1864 1866 1868
Prentiss, Lyman E.....	Oct. 30, 1849	Ohio.....	15 Printer.....	1873 1875	Cent. Ohio.....	1893 1875 1877
Price, Ira E.....	June 4, 1864	Ohio.....	16 Student	1888 1890	Cincinnati	1888 1890 1892
Pumphrey, Charles P.....	Sept. 2, 1875	Ohio.....	9 Teacher	1899	Cincinnati	1899
Pumphrey, John S.....	July 31, 1839	Ohio.....	10 Student	1803 1865	Cincinnati	1863 1865 1867
Putt, William E.....	May 18, 1860	Ohio.....	16 Teacher	1890 1892	S. Kansas.....	1898 1892 1896
Reeves, Wm. W.....	Aug. 1, 1859	Conn'ticut	21 Trav. Sal'sm'n	1900	Cincinnati	1900 1896
Rishell, Charles W.....	Mar. 9, 1850	Pennsyl'a.....	17 Teacher	1876 1878	Cincinnati	1876 1976 1879
Richards, Madison A.....	.....	.....	.....	1864 1866	Cincinnati	1864 1866 1868
Robinson, William A.....	Jan. 9, 1843	Ohio.....	15 Farmer	1869	Cincinnati	1869 1868 1872
Roughton, Gervaise.....	May 2, 1859	England	16 Molder	1890 1892	Cincinnati	1890 1892 1894
Royal, Stanley O.....	Nov. 28, 1851	Illinois.....	6 Teacher	1877 1879	Cincinnati	1877 1878 1881
Ruggles, James S.....	July 10, 1845	Kentucky.....	20 Teacher	1875 1877	Kentucky.....	1886 1877 1879
Runyan, William.....	Nov. 28, 1834	Ohio.....	17 Farmer	1863 1865	Cincinnati	1863 1858 1859
Rust, Richard H.....	Sept. 5, 1842	Conn'ticut	17 Student	1868	N. York East...	1880 1868 1870
Rust, Richard S.....	Sept. 12, 1815	Mas'chu'ts	14 Cabinet M'k'r	1842 1844	New England.....	1858 1844 1846
Schenk, Charles E.....	Nov. 20, 1867	Ohio.....	18 Teacher	1892 1895	Cincinnati	1892 1893 1895
Sellers, Owen M.....	Feb. 17, 1853	Ohio.....	14 Insurance Agt.....	1887 1889	Cincinnati	1887 1889 1891
Sentman, Jacob E. H.....	Aug. 25, 1843	Pennsyl'a.....	23 Carpenter	1875 1877	Cincinnati	1875 1875 1879
Shanor, George B.....	May 11, 1864	Pennsyl'a.....	18 Teacher	1894 1898	Cincinnati	1894 1893 1897
Shively, Jacob H.....	Sept. 14, 1855	Pennsyl'a.....	17 Teacher	1884 1886	Cincinnati	1884 1884 1888
Shultz, J. McKendree.....	Apr. 16, 1836	Ohio.....	23 Farmer	1860 1862	Ohio.....	1870 1862 1864
Smith, George H.....	Mar. 24, 1868	Canada.....	12	1890 1896	Cincinnati	1890 1896 1898
Smith, Randolph E.....	July 17, 1844	Ohio.....	12 Farmer	1866 1868	Cincinnati	1866 1868 1870
Smith, Samuel B.....	May 27, 1825	New York	16 Teacher	1846 1848	Michigan.....	1867
Spahr, Albert N.....	Aug. 27, 1835	Ohio.....	13 Farmer	1855 1857	Cincinnati	1855 1857 1859
Spurrier, William E.....	Aug. 12, 1861	Ohio.....	15 Teacher	1890 1892	Cincinnati	1890 1892 1894
Spybey, William H.....	Apr. 16, 1868	Ohio.....	18 Book-keeper	1888 1890	Kentucky.....	1895 1890 1894
Stabler, Alvin K.....	Apr. 5, 1867	Ohio.....	14 Teacher	1890 1893	Cincinnati	1890 1893 1895
Starr, David J.....	.....	.....	.....	1858	Cincinnati	1858 1858 1860
Story, John A.....	Jan. 8, 1851	Ohio.....	14 Teacher	1877 1879	Cincinnati	1877 1876 1879
Sutherland, William H.....	June 2, 1819	D. Col'b'a.....	18 Carpenter	1843	Ohio.....	1852 1845 1847
Taggart, Joseph I.....	Sept. 21, 1833	Virginia	17 Farmer	1875 1877	Cincinnati	1875 1869 1873
Thirkield, Wilbur P.....	Sept. 25, 1854	Ohio.....	11 Student	1879 1881	Cincinnati	1879 1880 1883
Timmons, Stephen B.....	May 18, 1856	Ohio.....	18 Pharmacist	1883 1887	Cincinnati	1895
Torbet, Howard L.....	July 29, 1873	Ohio.....	14 Teacher	1897 1899	Cincinnati	1897 1899
Travis, Gilbert L.....	Apr. 1, 1842	Ohio.....	15 Teacher	1875 1877	Cincinnati	1875 1877 1879
Trout, Philip.....	Apr. 5, 1852	Ohio.....	21 Teacher	1889 1892	Cincinnati	1889 1890 1894
Tufts, George Louis.....	Aug. 20, 1858	Ohio.....	13 Farmer	1884 1886	Cincinnati	1884 1883 1888
Turrell, Albert C.....	Apr. 3, 1864	N. Jersey.....	8 Druggist	1889 1893	Cincinnati	1889 1890 1895
Utter, Oliver L.....	Oct. 1, 1863	Indiana.....	16 Prin. Schools	1895 1898	Kansas.....	1900 1897 1900
Vance, John.....	Dec. 29, 1830	Ohio.....	19 Teacher	1854	Cincinnati	1854 1856 1858
Van Pelt, Cyrus M.....	Sept. 1, 1857	Ohio.....	32 Lawyer	1890 1892	Cincinnati	1890 1892 1894
Vaughan, John G.....	Mar. 5, 1858	Tennessee	18 Farmer	1882 1884	E. Maine.....	1884 1881 1882
Verity, Jonathan.....	Apr. 19, 1853	Ohio.....	15 Teacher	1860 1862	Cincinnati	1860 1862 1864
Vorhis, George W.....	Jan. 23, 1867	Ohio.....	12 Sec. Y.M.C.A.....	1891 1893	Cincinnati	1891 1893 1895
Walter, Thomas P.....	Aug. 18, 1861	Tennessee	17	1885 1887	Kentucky.....	1892 1887 1889
Warner, Wilbur G.....	Apr. 5, 1857	New York	12 Student	1883 1885	Cincinnati	1883 1883 1886
Washburn, DeWitt C.....	Aug. 18, 1849	Ohio.....	22 Teacher	1880 1882	Des Moines.....	1888 1882 1884
Washburn, Louis A.....	Sept. 1, 1864	Ohio.....	18 Farmer	1898	Cincinnati	1898 1895 1899
Weakley, Henry C.....	Dec. 9, 1846	Ohio.....	17 Gov. Service	1877 1879	Cincinnati	1877 1877 1881
Weeks, Sylvester.....	Nov. 28, 1836	Cincinnati	19 Student	1858 1860	Cincinnati	1858 1860 1862
Wehrly, William H.....	Jan. 5, 1860	Ohio.....	12 Teacher	1891 1893	Cincinnati	1891 1893 1896
Wells, Charles J.....	Oct. 7, 1845	Ohio.....	18 Farmer	1871 1873	Cincinnati	1871 1873 1875
Wells, Edward T.....	July 29, 1842	Ohio.....	16 Salesman	1867 1869	Cincinnati	1867 1868 1870
West, William M.....	Aug. 7, 1842	Maryland	12 Farmer	1871 1873	Baltimore.....	1884 1873 1875
White, John A.....	.....	Ohio.....	15 Teacher	1877 1879	Cincinnati	1877 1878 1881
Wiant, William A.....	Aug. 31, 1861	Ohio.....	6 Farmer	1892 1894	Cincinnati	1892 1894 1896
Williams, Thomas G.....	Mar. 12, 1852	Ohio.....	16 Teacher	1888 1890	Cincinnati	1888 1886 1892
Wilson, John.....	Sept. 18, 1840	Ireland	18 Salesman	1870 1872	Cincinnati	1870 1872 1874
Winkler, John A.....	1859	Dayton	25 Student	1889 1892	Cincinnati	1889 1889 1894
Wones, Creighton.....	Aug. 19, 1856	Ohio.....	19 Clerk	1882 1884	Cincinnati	1882 1882 1886
Wyckoff, Rufus J.....	Oct. 28, 1865	Ohio.....	21 Journeyman	1891 1897	Cincinnati	1891 1895 1897
Young, Jesse B.....	July 5, 1844	Pennsyl'a.....	18 Student	1868 1870	E. Baltimore.....	1900 1870 1872
Young, Lafayette.....	June 5, 1850	Ohio.....	11 Farmer	1871 1873	Cincinnati	1871 1873 1875
Zink, Milton P.....	July 26, 1825	Ohio.....	15 Teacher	1840 1851	Ohio.....	1853 1851 1853

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Directory.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY		CONF.	BISHOP...	RESIDENCE.
		CONFERENCE.	Y'R.			
THOMAS BOWMAN.....	July 15, 1817	Baltimore.....	1839	1872		Evanston, Ill.
RANDOLPH SINKS FOSTER.....	Feb. 22, 1820	Ohio	1837	1872		Roxbury, Mass.
STEPHEN MASON MERRILL.....	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio	1846	1872		Chicago, Ill.
EDWARD GAYER ANDREWS.....	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida.....	1848	1872		New York, N. Y.
HENRY WHITE WARREN.....	Jan. 4, 1831	New England.....	1855	1880		Denver, Colo.
CYRUS DAVID FOSS.....	Jan. 17, 1834	New York.....	1857	1880		Philadelphia, Pa.
JOHN FLETCHER HURST.....	Aug. 17, 1834	Newark	1859	1880		Washington, D. C.
WILLIAM XAVIER NINDE.....	June 21, 1832	Black River.....	1856	1884		Detroit, Mich.
JOHN MORGAN WALDEN	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati.....	1858	1884		Cincinnati, O.
WILLARD FRANCIS MALLALIEU.....	Dec. 11, 1828	New England.....	1858	1884		Anburndale, Mass.
CHARLES HENRY FOWLER.....	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River.....	1861	1884		Buffalo, N. Y.
* WILLIAM TAYLOR.....	May 2, 1821	Baltimore.....	1843	1884		Bishop of Africa.
JOHN HEYL VINCENT.....	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey.....	1853	1888		Topeka, Kan.
JAMES NEWBURY FITZGERALD.....	July 27, 1837	Newark	1862	1888		St. Louis, Mo.
ISAAC WILSON JOYCE	Oct. 11, 1836	N. W. Indiana.....	1859	1888		Minneapolis, Minn.
DANIEL AYRES GOODSELL	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East.....	1859	1888		Chattanooga, Tenn.
* JAMES MILLS THOBURN.....	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg.....	1859	1888		Bombay, India.
CHARLES C. McCABE	Oct. 11, 1836	Ohio	1860	1896		Fort Worth, Tex.
EARL CRANSTON.....	June 27, 1840	Ohio	1867	1896		Portland, Ore.
* JOSEPH C. HARTZELL	1842	Illinois	1867	1896		Africa.
* EDWIN W. PARKER.....	Jan. 21, 1833	Vermont.....	1857	1900		Lucknow, India.
* FRANCIS W. WARNE	Dec. 31, 1834	Ontario	1874	1900		Calcutta, India.
DAVID H. MOORE.....	Sept. 4, 1837	Ohio.....	1860	1900		Shanghai, China.
JOHN W. HAMILTON.....	Mar. 18, 1815	Pittsburg.....	1856	1900		San Francisco, Cal.

* Missionary Bishops.

MEMBERS AND PROBATIONERS.

NOTE.—1. Sa. stands for Superannuated, Sn. for Supernumerary. 2. All post-offices in Ohio except where otherwise stated.

Abrams, J. E., Miamisburg.	Carey, S. W. (Sa.), Urbana.
Armacost, H. E., Aberdeen.	Chapman, C. L. Caniden.
Aultman, D. Lee, Middletown.	Cherington, E. H., Urbana.
Austin, A. B., Franklin.	Clark, Davis W., Cincinnati.
Austin, G. P., Sabina.	Clemans, F. M., Dayton.
Bail, J. T. (Sa.), Sta. H, Cincinnati.	Coffman, W. M., Waynesville.
Bailey, H. W., Batavia.	Collett, T., Middletown.
Baker, W. J., Goshen.	Colley, J. R., Wesley Ave., Cincinnati.
Barnes, C. W., Springfield.	Conger, C. L., Greenville.
Bashford, J. W., Delaware.	Cowgill, A. T., Glendale.
Becker, O. D., Ross.	Crum, C. T., Cincinnati.
Beery, J. E., Sta. H, Cincinnati.	Cundy, T., Belfast.
Bell, S. W., Cincinnati.	Curless, H. G., Rainsboro.
Black, J. G. (Sa.), New Carlisle.	Dalbey, J. L., Dialton.
Blodgett, C. W., Cincinnati.	Darling, J. D.; Moscow.
Bowers, A. (Sa.), Piqua.	Dart, G. H., Milford.
Briggs, C. W., New Jasper.	Davis, J. H. (Sa.), Sinking Spring.
Brokaw, A. L., Amelia.	Davis, L. M., Newtown.
Brown, V. F., Hillsboro.	Davis, Wilbur L. Y., Wyoming.
Brown, W. K., Cincinnati.	Deaton, W. A., Madisonville.
Brown, Wm. B., Sinking Spring.	Deem, R. K., New Burlington.
Burdsall, E., Winton Place.	Deputy, L. O. (Sa.), Price Hill, Cin'ti.
Campbell, S. W., Springfield.	Dubois, G. W., Troy.

Duckwall, J. L., Springfield.
 Dunham, W. J., Felicity.
 Easton, G. S., West Union.
 Easton, J. A., Tippecanoe City.
 Edgar, G. M. (Sa.), Troy.
 Edminston, S. W. (Sa.), Winchester.
 Edmonds, E. P., Avondale, Cin'ti.
 Elliott, C. W., Yellow Springs.
 Ellsworth, E. M., Dayton.
 English, F. C., Cincinnati.
 English, W. D., Owensville.
 Enyart, C. F., New Richmond.
 Ewry, D. S. (Sn.), Mt. Orab.
 Fee, G. W. (Sa.), Mt. Orab.
 Fidler, T. E. (Sa.), Urbana.
 Fuller, M. B., Urbana.
 Fulton, G. M., Maineville.
 Gaddis, J. W., Cincinnati.
 Gaddis, E. S., Loveland.
 Geissinger, J. A., Ripley.
 Gilbert, Jas. E., Washington, D. C.
 Glascock, J. L. (Sn.), Mt. Lookout,
 Cincinnati.
 Gray, W. S., Decatur.
 Gregg, J. L. (Sa.), Manhattan, Kan.
 Gullette, C. W., Dayton.
 Haines, C. H., Blanchester.
 Hamilton, A., Cedarville.
 Hammill, Geo. M., Harriman, Tenn.
 Harris, T. J. (Sa.), Station H, Cin'ti.
 Hartley, Chas. (Sn.), Coaldale.
 Henderson, H. A. M., Delhi.
 Hershey, H., Red Lion.
 Hickman, J. W. (Sa.), Pursley, W. Va.
 Hill, J. R., Catawba.
 Hoffman, O. P., Seven Mile.
 Hollingsworth, E. L., Arcanum.
 Hook, A. W., Dayton.
 Horn, C. W., Georgetown.
 Hull, J. F. (Sa.), Rowland, Ala.
 Humphrey, U. G., Jamestown.
 Hunter, J. R. (Sa.), Lebanon.
Hutchinson, H. C., at school.
 Hypes, B. D., Cleves.
 Jackson, W. P. (Sa.), Hillsboro.
 James, E. P. (Sa.), Delaware.
 Jenkinson, J. A., West Chester.
 Kalbfus, C. H., Feesburg.
 Keck, H. M. (Sa.), Hamilton.
 Ketcham, H. D., Piqua.
 Ketcham, M. E., Xenia.
Keen, S. A., Troy.
 Kigan, F. M., Fairmount.
 Kugler, M. M., Westwood.
 Laird, J. F., Christiansburg.
 Lane, E. T., Williamsburg.
 Latshaw, David G., Westwood.
 Lease, J. H., Bethany.
 Leever, F., Monroe.
 Leonard, A. B., 150 Fifth Ave., N. Y.

LeSourd, M., Milford.
 Loyd, J. F. (Sa.), Highland.
 Lutterman, Edward J., Madison, N. J.
 Magruder, J. W., Delaware.
 Maddox, A. D., Westville.
 Marlay, J. F., Dayton.
 Marsh, S. N. (Sa.), Fresno, Cal.
 Marshall, I. R., Cincinnati.
 Mason, John W. (Sa.), Milford.
 Maxey, W. N. (Sa.), Russell.
 McCabe, J. J., Dayton.
 McColm, D. A., Martinsville.
 McColm, J. F., Fair Haven.
 McColm, R. S., New Moorefield.
 McHugh, E., Cincinnati.
 McMullen, W. T. (Sa.), Owensville.
 McNary, J. H., Bowersville.
 Middleton, H. C., Leesburg.
 Middleton, J. H. (Sa.), Greenfield.
 Miller, A. (Sa.), Chicago, Ill.
 Mitchell, F. G., Greenfield.
 Moore, T. D., Harrison.
 Morris, G. V., Mt. Lookout, Cin'ti.
 Munsey, C. D., Mutual.
 Myers, C. L., Germantown.
 Newton, A. G., Bethel.
 Ninde, J. P., Concord.
 Patton, J. W., Springboro.
 Patton, W. M., Lynchburg.
 Peale, C. C., Highland.
 Pearne, T. H., Station H, Cincinnati.
 Pearson, Jno., Cincinnati.
 Peters, J. W., Springfield.
 Pollard, S. G., Carthage.
 Porter, J. P., Oxford.
 Prentiss, L. E., Eaton.
 Price, I. E., Manchester.
Pumphrey, Chas. P., S. Charleston.
Pumphrey, J. S., S. Charleston.
 Putt, W. E., Morrow.
Reeves, W. W., Riley.
 Rishell, C. W., Newton, Mass.
 Richards, Madison A. (Sn.), Station
 H, Cincinnati.
 Robinson, W. A., Cincinnati.
 Royal, S. O., Hillsboro.
 Roughton, G., Cincinnati.
 Ruggles, J. S., Clarksville.
 Runyan, Wm., Station A, Cincinnati.
 Rust, R. H., Cincinnati.
 Rust, R. S., Cincinnati.
 Schenk, C. E., Hamilton.
 Sellers, O. M., Piqua.
 Sentman, J. E. H., Peebles.
 Shanor, G. B., Station H, Cincinnati.
 Shively, J. L., Lebanon.
 Shultz, J. McK., New Paris.
 Smith, R. E., Osborn.
 Smith, S. B. (Sa.), Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Smith, G. H., Winchester.

Spahr, A. N., Mechanicsburg.	Walter, T. P. (Sn.), Evansville, Ind.
Spurrier, W. E., Summerside.	Warner, W. G. (Sn.), Oxford.
Spybey, Wm. H., Cincinnati.	Washburn, D. W. C., Sugar Tree Ridge.
Stabler, A. K., W. Carrollton.	Washburn, L. A., Marathon.
Starr, David Judson, Columbus.	Weakley, H. C., Cincinnati.
Stephan, S. A., at school.	Weeks, Sylvester (Sa.), Eustis, Fla.
Story, J. A., Springfield.	Wehrly, W. H., Hartwell.
Sutherland, W. H. (Sa.), Wyoming.	Wells, C. J. (Sn.), Norfolk, Va.
Taggart, J. I. (Sa.), Rainsboro.	Wells, E. T., Wilmington.
Tinimons, S. B., Groesbeck.	West, W. M. (Sa.), Newtown.
Torbet, H. L., Madison, N. J.	White, J. A., Centerville.
Travis, G. L., Covington.	Wiant, W. A., Mason.
Trout, P., Spring Valley.	Williams, T. G., Laurel.
Tufts, G. L., New Carlisle.	Wilson, J., New Vienna.
Turrell, A. C., Xenia.	Winkler, J. A., Ft. Jefferson.
Utter, O. L., Dayton.	Wones, Creighton, Dayton.
Vance, John (Sa.), New Moorefield.	Wyckoff, R. J., Mt. Auburn, Cin'ti.
Van Pelt, C. M., Springfield.	Young, J. B., Walnut Hills.
Vaughan, J. G., Dayton.	Young, L. F. (Sa.), Georgetown.
Verity, J., Middletown.	Zink, M. P. (Sa.), Hillsboro.
Vorhis, G. W., Dayton.	

SUMMARY.

MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE—

Superannuated,	33
Supernumerary,	7
Effective,	160
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Total,	200

PROBATIONERS—

First Year,	2	Second Year,	3
Total,	5		

LOCAL PREACHERS, 103

WIDOWS, 59
1500

WIDOWS OF PREACHERS.

[N. B.—The numbers opposite each name indicate the number of years of effective service rendered by the husband.]

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 Bayliss, Mrs. J. H., 1426 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Ill., 31.
 Beall, Mrs. A. U., Monroe, O., 44.
 Bishop, Mrs. J. P., Franklin, Ky., 10.
 Boyer, Mrs. W. M., Manchester, O., 12.
 Brewster, Mrs. S. A., Springfield, Ohio, 34.
 Callahan, Mrs. D., Georgetown, O., 12.
 Carland, Mrs. Patrick, Dayton, O., 27.
 Cassatt, Mrs. J. W., Greenfield, O., 41.
 Clayton, Mrs. S. D., Wilkinson Street, Dayton, O., 47.
 Cowden, Mrs. T. S., Troy, O., 44.
 Darlington, Mrs. N. W., West Union, O.
 Dustin, Mrs. M., Dayton, O., 58.
 Ellsworth, Mrs. W. I., Springfield, Ohio, 34.
 Gaddis, Mrs. M. P., Dayton, O., 35.
 Glascock, Mrs. Benjamin, Muncie, Ind., 14.
 Hall, Mrs. Jesse, Newport, Ky., 6.
 Herr, Mrs. Wm., Dayton, O., 56.
 Hines, Mrs. W. E., Williamsburg, O., 21.
 House, Mrs. Erwin, Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, O., 10.
 Hypes, Mrs. Fletcher, Owensesville, Ohio, 37.
 Hypes, Mrs. W. L., Dayton, O., 43.
 Irvin, Mrs. J. N., Columbus, O., 13.
 Kalbfus, Mrs. C., Frostburg, Md., 17.
 Kennedy, Mrs. G. H., Delaware, O., 35.
 Keely, Mrs. J. W., Oxford, O., 6.
 Kelley, Mrs. Geo. W., 127 S. 14th St., Richmond, Ind., 39.
 Kirk, Mrs. Eli, Christiansburg, O., 13.
 Lee, Mrs. Thos., Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O., 42.
 Mahon, Mrs. Wm., Delaware, O., 21.
 Mathews, Mrs. J. McD., Hillsboro, Ohio, 40.
 McCabe, Mrs. L. D., Delaware, O., 52.
 McChesney, Mrs. S., Avondale, Cincinnati, 37.
 McClelland, Mrs. J. F., Poughkeepsie, New York.
 McDonald, Mrs. N., Springfield, O., 20.
 Meredith, Mrs. C. G., Springfield, Ohio, 8.
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 Musgrove, Mrs. A., Christiansburg, Ohio, 10.
 Newson, Mrs. Jos., New Carlisle, O., 38.
 Page, Mrs. I. C., Mechanicsburg, O., 7.
 Payne, Mrs. C. H., Chattanooga, Tenn., 40.
 Peregrine, Mrs. J. S., Winona, Minn., 19.
 Perry, Mrs. Geo. T., Lynchburg, O., 8.
 Purkiser, Mrs. M. G., Hillsboro, O., 32.
 Robinson, Mrs. J. M., Indianapolis, Ind., 29.
 Sargent, Mrs. D. H., Lebanon, O., 28.
 Shannon, Mrs. W. Q., Xenia, O., 33.
 Shultz, Mrs. J. P., New Carlisle, 40.
 Smith, Mrs. E. C., Cleves, O., 18.
 Stephenson, Mrs. James, Xenia, O., 37.
 Stokes, Mrs. H., Lambert Point, Norfolk, Va.
 Stone, Mrs. J. W., Waverly, Iowa, 9.
 Tibbitts, Mrs. A. W., Jamestown, Ohio, 40.
 Vance, Mrs. D. C., Dayton, 35.
 Van Cleve, Mrs. L. F., Troy, O., 43.
 Whitmer, Mrs. D., Orient Hill, Xenia, O., 40.
 Whitney, Mrs. Jas. S., South Lebanon, 29.
 Wones, Mrs. T., Springfield, O., 8.

LOCAL PREACHERS.

[Names of *Elders*, in **SMALL CAPS**; of *Deacons*, in *italics*; and of *Licentiates*, in **Roman letters**. All post-offices are in Ohio.]

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Bacon, David G., Cincinnati.
Benson, W. C., Cincinnati.
Burrell, L. A., Norwood.
Clark, David W., E. Walnut Hills.
Cornuelle, V., Madisonville.
Deubler, Joseph, Cincinnati.
Fennis, —, Linwood, Cincinnati.
Getchell, Zerah, Cincinnati.
Gilson, W. H., Cincinnati.
Halley, R. H., Cincinnati.
Hirst, W. N., Cincinnati.
Hoover, W., Delhi.
LOCKE, J. H., Winton Place.
MITCHELL, M., Mt. Auburn, Cin'ti.
Myrick, F., Wyoming.
Rowland, C. W., Mt. Lookout.
Simpkinson, W. A., Norwood.
Walker, Alfred, Cincinnati.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Collins, Harry J., Dayton.
Crowder, George, Heno.
Cunningham, Jacob, Gratis.
Grennan, L. E., Oxford.
HOWREN, A. L., Brookville.
JOHNSON, HIRAM, Eaton.
Jones, T. S., Dayton.
Paine, Dr. J. H., Middletown.
Pierce, W. W., Gordon.
Poling, Wm. B., Dayton.
RICKETTS, S. B., Dayton.
Scott, Samuel, Dayton.
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Hibben, T. R., Fruit Hill.
Hill, Hezekiah, Craver.
Hockett, Wm., Newtonville.
Keith, M. M., Bentonville.
Keen, G. W., Newton.
Lewis, Edwin, Amelia.
Long, Jos. R., Eastwood.
MCMATH, JAMES, Moscow.
Moore, J. F., Felicity.

Rhodes, J. N., Williamisburg.
Richards, D. S., Morrow.
Thompson, E. B., Brecon.
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IV.

Reports.

A.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

R. H. RUST, Presiding Elder.

THE close of my term as Presiding Elder of the Cincinnati District is an appropriate time for a résumé of the work that has been accomplished during the past six years. Reports have been made for each of the preceding years of service, embracing the condition of the various charges, and statistics of the work have been given.

The past year has been quite as prosperous in the essential elements of usefulness, as any of the preceding ones of my administration. There has been excellent service on the district. The ministers have prosecuted their work with fidelity, and seasons of revival have rewarded their labors. In religious influence, in the increase of our membership, in the finances and benevolences of the Churches, an advance has been made. The appointments have been well received, and the Churches have secured efficient service. An overruling Providence has been present with the intelligent, prayerful, and impartial administration of the presiding bishops.

The membership of the district in 1894, in the same charges that were in the district in 1899, was 8,230. The net gain in five years of the present incumbent has been 543, which is over six per cent for this period, and a yearly net gain of over one per cent. During this time, by the action of the General Conference, a large number of names have been marked, "removed without letter," and not counted.

The value of Church property in 1894 was \$808,000. The value of the same churches at the same valuation in 1899 was \$909,000, being a gain in five years of \$101,000. The indebtedness in 1894 was \$59,117; in 1899, 14,000. In all probability the Twentieth-century Offering will remove the entire indebtedness from the churches of the district.

CINCINNATI MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The city missionary work has been thoroughly systematized in the district. Waste of effort brought together in joint conference representatives of the Cincinnati Preachers' Meeting, the Cincinnati Missionary Society, the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home, and the Glenn Home, resulting in the resolution that all missionary work in the district should be conducted under the supervision of the Cincinnati Missionary Society, and to it was pledged co-operation by the other organizations. It was further agreed that no new work should be started without the approval of the Joint Committee.

The five missions established have been personally visited. They

show life and vigor, are well located, and will undoubtedly maintain a growing influence in their respective neighborhoods.

The open-air evangelistic work of the Gospel Wagon received a stimulus from the Preachers' Meeting. The atheistic talks and discussions upon the street corners aroused the old-time spirit of street preaching, and many ministers offered their services, which were gladly accepted by the Gospel Wagon Committee. The ministers will doubtless become a permanent factor in the Gospel Wagon work.

The property of the old St. John organization was transferred by the trustees to the Cincinnati Missionary Society, and is now utilized as the headquarters of the Italian mission.

The last General Conference put its seal of approval upon the Cincinnati Missionary Society, in its action upon the National City Evangelization Union, of which it is a branch.

I recommend that the statistics of the Cincinnati Missionary Society be admitted and printed in the regular statistics of the Cincinnati District.

The Deaconess Home, Christ's Hospital, and the Glenn Home have had a prosperous year, and have accomplished great good in their respective fields of usefulness.

WESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.—Dr. Levi Gilbert, elected to the editorship of the *Western*, has been cordially received by our ministers and people. His sermons and addresses have been helpful and very acceptable. Already we recognize in his editorial management of the paper the hand of a master, and feel sure that the literary ability and scholarship of Dr. Gilbert insures to the *Western* increasing influence and circulation among our people.

CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP.—The admission of members into an Annual Conference is one of its most important acts. The greatest care should be taken in the discharge of this serious duty. The candidates are numerous. They come from the ranks of the self-educated, from the high schools, seminaries, colleges, and theological institutions. Our Conference can receive only a part of this large and increasing number. A solemn obligation rests upon us to accept only the best of the applicants. Our location near the universities and various schools of learning, and the growing intelligence of our Churches, make a wise selection a necessity for the best interests of Methodism.

The Church needs the self-educated and those who have been trained in the schools. Some of the brightest minds in every profession have never had scholastic training, but by their own persistent efforts have secured cultured minds and disciplined intellects. The variety of our Church calls for variety in its ministry. The method of the making of a preacher is not so important as the fact that he is made. The Church must hold its power with the masses, remembering the words of Jesus, "The poor have the gospel preached unto them." The Church must maintain its influence with the classes. Quality as well as quantity tells. The Apostolic Church had its fishermen-apostles, and also the scholarship, culture, and majestic intellect of Paul, and the intuition, insight, and spiritual consciousness of John.

There was diversity in unity in the Apostolic Church, and Christ chose various types of men for his apostles. The call of the Master through all the ages since the beginning of Christianity has been in harmony with this divine plan of selection.

Our obligation to the effective men in the Conference and to the best interests of our Churches demand that we should close our doors to all ineffective applicants. Let emotion and sympathy have due recognition; but let a calm judgment, a sense of equity, and a deep feeling of individual responsibility govern us in our admission to the Conference.

Aggressive Methodism means an aggressive ministry. Aggressive Methodism is the only kind of Methodism that will endure. This was the providential purpose of our creation. This is the organic law of

preservation. A stationary Methodism means a decadent Church, which is disloyal to its divinely-appointed mission.

Our creed and methods have been vital elements of success; but the secret of our victories has been the consecrated personality of our preachers. The greatest perils of the present are not higher criticism or the scientific tendencies of our age, but a ministry unqualified spiritually for the salvation of souls and the building up of Christian character.

CINCINNATI METHODISM.—Cincinnati Methodism compares favorably with the other Protestant Churches. The present conditions are unfavorable for aggressive Christian work. Socialism, in its various forms, has separated the laboring classes from the Church, and made the city a difficult field for the Christian ministry. The large foreign element, with its disregard of the Sabbath, exerts an evil influence. Sunday is a holiday, and not a holy day. The laboring classes, employed all the other days of the week, use Sunday as a day of rest and recreation. The intense excitements and competitions of business and the severe strain of modern social life consume energies which belong to mental and spiritual culture. A careful examination of the facts will show that the Protestant clergymen of Cincinnati are equal in their devotion to their work and the results secured to any that have preceded them in the history of the city.

During the past six years some important changes have been made in the district, which have already secured many advantages, and are full of promise for the future. The district is confined, with few exceptions, to the city and its suburbs, with only one circuit within its bounds. Its compactness is a marked characteristic. This fact creates an opportunity for efficient administration. The charges can be kept in touch with each other, and a desirable fellowship maintained. The scattering of the members to the suburbs, so easily accessible by the electric-cars in every direction, and the consequent organization of a large number of small Churches, have materially weakened the downtown organizations. These Churches hold strategic positions, and their opportunities and responsibilities are larger than ever before, while their financial strength is inadequate to meet their pressing demands. Nothing will compensate the weakening or loss of these critical organizations. Cincinnati Methodism must maintain the efficiency of these Churches. The pulpits demand able and aggressive men. Outside help must be given, as they are financially unable to meet the responsibilities of their locations. The sons of the wealthy and spiritual, whose fathers built and worshiped in these churches, should feel an obligation to sustain these places at whose altars they were baptized and converted and united in Church fellowship. An encouraging symptom is an increasing feeling of interest among this class of persons and a disposition to aid in these crises, and thus help solve one of the most important problems of our city work.

St. Paul's Church, with its magnificent property, costing a quarter of a million dollars, in the very heart of the city, ought to be made a center of vast usefulness in the salvation and spiritual elevation of the masses. This should be the Institutional Church of Methodism, with an ample endowment. On every day of the week it should be open to the masses within sight of its lofty spire, leading them from unholy lives to the joy and experience of the Christian faith.

Wesley Chapel is an example of a true Institutional Church, placing supreme emphasis upon spirituality, and giving at the same time attention to the social and intellectual interests of its members. A remarkable success has been realized here. No Church has made a better record in the various departments of Christian work. During the pastorate of Brown, Magruder, and Roughton, old historic Wesley, the mother of Cincinnati Methodism, has been a center of unusual moral, social, and spiritual power. Improvements to the extent of over five thousand dollars have been made on the church property, and money secured by tithes and voluntary offerings.

Trinity Church, Cincinnati, has received a handsome bequest during the past year from L. W. Wolff of that charge, an honored local preacher, who was called by the Master to the mansions of rest last March, but who, before he answered the summons, provided by will that his beautiful and commodious home, 1034 Wesley Avenue, should go to the Church and charge of which he had been an influential member for nearly fifty years, for a parsonage. The property is easily worth six thousand dollars.

THANK-OFFERING.—The General Conference, at its late session in Chicago, authorized and inaugurated, as a Twentieth-century Thank-offering, a movement to bring two millions of souls from darkness into light, and to put twenty millions of dollars into the treasury of the Lord. This fund is to be devoted to the removal of indebtedness against our houses of worship and parsonages, the relief and endowment of our institutions of learning, the help and inspiration of our benevolent enterprises, such as the Missionary, Freedmen's Aid, and Church Extension Societies, in the prosecution of the great work intrusted to them by the Church in behalf of the world's conversion.

The Cincinnati Conference is among the first to hold its annual session since this action of the General Conference. She owes it to her historic record, to the fathers who planted Methodism in this fair land, and to God, who helped them make Ohio what she is, at a crisis and an opportunity like this, to come to the front, to take such action and set such an example as shall thrill the hearts and move to earnest effort the ministers of every Conference in our widespread connection. We should make it certain by our liberality and enthusiasm that the money shall be raised, and that the Church shall receive a quickening of apostolic fervor and power.

Let every minister, every member, every one who has felt the uplifting and saving influence of Methodism, solemnly pledge himself to do everything possible to bring one soul to Christ, if not a dozen, a score, a hundred, and the number to be gathered into the fold of Christ shall be secured, and millions of God's treasure imprisoned in vaults and hid away in the earth shall be found and set free, and shall go forth joyously on a mission to relieve the suffering, comfort the sorrowing, and take an active part in the salvation of the world.

We, as a Conference, have been a little backward in this cause, waiting, perhaps, for a general movement at this session. We must hesitate no longer. The time for action has come. This may be the great opportunity for the Cincinnati Conference. She may never have another one so favorable to devise liberal things, and stimulate the Church for all time to come to noble doing and giving.

PREACHING FOR THE TIMES.—There ought to be an adjustment to present needs in preaching and methods of work. This does not imply the surrender of vital truths or effective ways of work, but simply an adaptation to an existing status before valuable opportunities may be lost. The truths to be emphasized and the methods employed are means to an end, and not ends in themselves. Methods may be of great service in one age, and useless in another. The present age needs the preaching of the doctrines of our Church in their simplicity and power. Methodist theology has a mission in its recognition of the authority of experience. "True theology is formulated Christian experience," and is the same in all ages and races.

A progressive Christian experience creates a deeper insight into revealed truth, and produces a truly progressive theology. The experimental idea has always been emphasized in our preaching, and is one of the chief sources of our usefulness and progress. The time of its birth was when John Wesley's heart was "strangely warmed." It is our safeguard against false doctrines.

Holy experience will conquer heresy, for it instinctively grasps and
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verifies revealed truth. Experience will restore a neglected verity into its true Divine radiance. Translated into action, it becomes a deep, precious, irresistible conviction.

Experience has given to Methodism its simple, practical creed, Philosophy and metaphysics have no place in our symbols. The language of Luther has been ours, "Away with the logicians, and give us the fishermen!" Methodism meets the demand of modern thought for a Scriptural creed embracing the great facts of the gospel.

The founders of Methodism were great in their unconsciousness. "They preached and built better than they knew." They met the obligations of their time, and thus became influential for all time. They sowed the seed with a firm faith and an unfaltering courage; but in their holiest hours they never dreamed of the magnitude of the coming harvests. Intense activity and entire consecration so absorbed their energies and so satisfied them in their holy work, that they did not even faintly realize that they were to be spiritual benefactors of the race. "Other men labored, and we have entered into their labor." "Our obligation to the past should deepen our sense of responsibility to the present and future."

DAYTON DISTRICT.

J. F. MARLAY, Presiding Elder.

IN submitting my report of Dayton District I desire, first of all, to express my gratitude to God that, with the exception of a single week, I have enjoyed uninterrupted health during the year, and have been able to do the work assigned me, in which I have had at all times the hearty co-operation of pastors and people.

While we have suffered no loss by death from the effective ranks, during the year one brother beloved, whose failing health compelled him a year ago to seek rest in the superannuated relation, has gone from us to the itinerant's only home. The Rev. David C. Vance was one of the most useful, successful, and fully consecrated men in our ministry. As a pastor he had few equals, and no superior. He made a heroic struggle for life, that he might longer serve; but when finally convinced that his active work was done he settled in Dayton, and there, surrounded by his family and brethren, he peacefully and sweetly entered into rest.

The beloved and devoted wife of Dr. J. P. Porter, of Oxford, was during the year transferred from a very sweet, happy earthly home, to "the house not made with hands."

In the Miamisburg parsonage, also, death has been an unwelcome visitor, and taken away an unusually bright and promising little boy,

"Whose all of life, a rosy ray,
Dawned on the earth and passed away."

For the most part, the pastors of the district have been able to render full, effective, and faithful service, although two of our most useful and beloved ministers have been compelled to seek recuperation from overwork. Rev. C. E. Schenk, of Hamilton, and Rev. C. L. Chapman, of Camden, with the cordial approval of their people, have taken a vacation during the summer, making ample provision for the satisfactory supply of their pulpits.

In the spiritual work of the district, while the labor put forth has been abundant and faithful, the harvest has been somewhat disappointing; for, although in many charges there have been conversions and additions to the Church, we have not been permitted to witness the old-

time Pentecostal revival, which seems to many of us to be the special need of the times.

On Centerville Charge, Pastor Trout reports thirteen conversions. But this statement conveys no adequate impression of the high state of prosperity to which this fine country charge has been brought by four years of faithful work.

At Broadway, Dayton, C. Wones pastor, about seventy have been added to the Church as the result, in part, of a glorious revival. This Church has come to be one of the most active, aggressive spiritual forces of Dayton. With its overflowing Sabbath-school and splendid Epworth League, it not only sustains, liberally, its home work, but contributes most generously to various missions in the city.

To Grace Church there have been many additions during the year, especially by letter. The noble edifice in which this congregation worships is, since its recent thorough refitting and refurnishing, more attractive than ever, and is justly a source of pride to the Methodists of the Gem City.

Raper Church, J. J. McCabe pastor, was favored during the winter with a gracious revival, resulting in the conversion of about fifty. Raper is pre-eminently a people's Church. With an Epworth League, Senior and Junior, of three hundred and forty, and an average attendance upon its Sabbath-school, including a small mission, of over five hundred for the year, it seems to have settled the question of how to reach the masses.

St. Paul Church kindly granted Pastor Vaughan a three months' leave of absence in the early spring, in which he and Mrs. Vaughan made a visit to the Holy Land. So wisely, however, did Dr. Vaughan provide for his pulpit during his absence, that no interest of the Church seemed to suffer in the slightest degree. The members of this Church very warmly approve the removal of the time-limit. There have been one hundred and twenty-four additions to the Church during the year.

Under the wise and energetic leadership of Rev. E. M. Ellsworth, Trinity Church has enjoyed a year of great temporal and spiritual prosperity. The crushing debt has been fully provided for, and in part paid, and as a result of special revival efforts nearly fifty have been gathered into the kingdom.

At Springboro and Lytle, Pastor Hook has had a year of continuous prosperity. As a result of special revival services, about thirty were saved and added to the company of believers.

On West Elkton Circuit, supplied by Rev. Fee Naylor, a glorious revival at Winchester resulted in forty conversions.

On Gordon Circuit, supplied by Rev. R. J. Reinbarth, there has been a good work, especially at West Baltimore, where a number were saved.

Pastor Reeves, of the Walker and Union Charge, reports twenty-five conversions and additions to the Church. This increase has been mainly at Union, though both appointments seem to be quickened into newness of life.

At West Alexandria, connected with Eaton, about twenty were added to the Church on probation.

In many of the charges, which do not report any noteworthy additions, there has been as faithful and earnest work done by the pastors as in any of the above mentioned, and we need to be reminded often that true ministerial success does not consist wholly, or even mainly, in large numerical increase of membership, but in so feeding the flock of Christ that it may be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man, and rooted and grounded in love.

The year just closed has been one of unusual material growth and prosperity.

At Camden \$470 have been wisely expended on the improvement of the church, while at Somerville a furnace has been put in and paid for.

Centerville has, in addition to the extensive improvements made last year, put down recently fine asphalt pavements in front of the church and parsonage, thus greatly improving the appearance of that valuable property.

At West Milton, on Concord Circuit, a new lot has been purchased, on which it is hoped that a new church will be erected at no distant day.

Riverdale, Dayton, has now in process of erection a church which will make a very beautiful, commodious Sabbath home for that growing congregation. It will cost, when completed, not less than eight thousand dollars.

Homestead Avenue congregation now occupies a new and handsome edifice, erected during the past year at a cost of nearly five thousand dollars. It is hoped that, with new and greatly improved facilities for Church work, this young society will enter upon a career of increasing prosperity.

Raper Church has expended about two hundred and fifty dollars for the improvement of its Sabbath-school room, covering the entire floor with a new and beautiful carpet.

Mention has been made already of the payment, in part, of the debt upon Trinity Church. Ample subscriptions are in hand, it is believed, to pay the balance in due time, and plans are already maturing to put this fine property in complete repair as soon as the debt is wholly wiped out.

At Eaton, the handsome parsonage has been greatly improved by the addition of a furnace and bathroom, at a cost of six hundred and fifty dollars, making it a most attractive and desirable home.

The Franklin parsonage, so beautiful for situation, has been greatly improved by a thorough repainting, outside and inside, at a cost of about one hundred dollars.

The Germantown church has undergone such a thorough work of repair and improvement and refurnishing, and the glory of the latter house so far exceeds the glory of the former, that it is difficult to recognize it as the same place of worship. The improvements cost about six hundred dollars, and are paid for.

On Gordon Circuit the West Baltimore church has been improved by the expenditure of two hundred dollars, and a subscription has been started for the purpose of remodeling the church at Gordon, or building a new one.

At Lewisburg the church has been so completely remodeled as to make it practically a new one, and one of the handsomest in the district. The cost of the improvements has been about three thousand dollars. Rev. J. W. Patton is the pastor.

Middletown, under the wise leadership of Pastor Aultman, is making steady and satisfactory progress towards the entire removal of the debt upon their noble edifice, one of the finest structures in the Conference, and it seems now absolutely certain that in a year or two this consummation, so devoutly to be hoped for, will be realized.

Monroe is now expending five hundred dollars for the repair and improvement of its handsome church, while the village of Amanda, connected with Monroe, has been able, with an outlay of two hundred dollars, to make its church much more attractive than ever before.

The church at Darrtown, on the Seven Mile Charge, Dr. Lease pastor, has been transformed, by the wise outlay of seven hundred and fifty dollars, into one of the most beautiful village churches of the district.

The church at Seven Mile, also, has been greatly improved by a new Brussels carpet, which, with a new bell, cost two hundred and fifty dollars.

West Chester, Rev. J. A. Jenkinson pastor, is now expending over three hundred dollars for repairs and improvements.

At Springboro, Rev. A. W. Hook pastor, the interior of the church has been wonderfully improved by papering, new carpets, new pews

and furniture. At Lytle, on the same charge, a considerable sum has been expended for the betterment of that already excellent country Church.

On Venice Circuit, O. D. Becker pastor, a new church has been built at New Baltimore, where a new society was organized last year. This building, not yet completed, will cost when finished between three and four thousand dollars. A new furnace has been put into the church at Venice, at an expense of one hundred and eighty-five dollars, while at Okeana and New Haven new lighting plants have been put in, which turn night into day. The parsonage has been papered and painted throughout, making it a most attractive home. Pastor Becker has added 165 to the membership of this charge in the past three years.

The church at West Alexandria has been handsomely papered and otherwise greatly improved, at a cost of one hundred dollars.

I have endeavored to give special attention to the great benevolent organizations of the Church, urging Quarterly Conferences to co-operate with pastors in an earnest effort to raise the full apportionments in all cases. While in some cases there will be reported a handsome advance, yet in some charges there will be a slight decrease, I fear, especially in the country work, where the total failure of the wheat-crop this year affects seriously the income of the farmer. Besides, the leading Churches of the city of Dayton have had in the past year extraordinary local demands, to which they have nobly responded, contributing thousands of dollars toward the payment of debts incurred by some of the smaller societies.

The Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies are finely organized throughout the district, and are doing a great work. I gladly co-operate with both in every possible way.

The Epworth League is the same alert, enthusiastic organization which it has been from its birth. While some difficulty is experienced in the rural parts of our work in maintaining all the departments of the League, yet I am constantly surprised and gratified to find that interest in the devotional meetings especially shows no signs of abatement. The Epworth League, I am sure, deserves and should receive the hearty sympathy and support of the entire Church.

Acting on the suggestion of the President of this Conference, I have urged everywhere the most careful and conscientious attention to the preparation of our statistical reports, and especially those relating to Church membership. When a great, central, pivotal Conference like ours reports even a very slight decrease in membership, as we did a year ago, there should be the most rigid scrutiny into the causes of the decline, whether it be real or only apparent. A higher appreciation of sacredness and lifelong nature of membership in the Church of God, more accurate and prompt enrollment of names, and a stricter compliance with the Disciplinary modes of removing names from the Church record, would help somewhat, no doubt, to arrest a tendency which all must deplore. More time might very profitably be given in Quarterly Conferences to the question, "Are the Church records properly kept?"

Most of the charges of Dayton District meet all claims for ministerial support with commendable promptness. In a few cases, however, the salaries are wholly insufficient, and even a meager allowance remains unpaid until the close of the year, and in some instances not even then settled in full. The unfortunate multiplication of small stations and half-stations must be held responsible largely for inadequate ministerial support. That this policy has been a mistaken one is now generally admitted. Whether it would be possible to retrace our steps and return to the large circuit system may be doubted, for revolutions, it is said, never go backward. But some way should be found, certainly, to provide for the decent, comfortable support of those who are assigned to the hardest fields of labor.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

GEORGE H. DART, Presiding Elder.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS.—Supervision has been constant. All interests have been conserved. Advances have been pressed. Realizations have perhaps equaled our faith, but hardly our possibilities. We are conservative, rather than radical. At least we have not flamed into conflagration nor run into riot. Fanaticism is among our last sins. We are a moral force, but not at a white heat.

The pastors have been faithful, and are appreciated. More than three-fourths are invited to return, one for the sixth year.

With few exceptions, the salaries have been met.

The Sunday-schools and Epworth Leagues are healthy and helpful. The ministerial meetings are vital and vitalizing. All in all, the review of the year is encouraging. Good work has been done. Its record is with God.

2. OCCASIONS OF SORROW.—Our heritage of health and strength has been rich, yet disease and death have invaded our ranks. One is not, and another waits the heavenward call. Out of months of suffering Brother Whitney, after twenty-eight years of service, passed, December 15, 1899, to his reward. He was a good man—generous and just, conscientious and consistent, of rugged and open speech, but with a heart true and tender. Intense and impulsive of nature, he preached a flaming gospel. It flamed in his own soul, nor abated at the last. As he lived, so he died, in the certain faith of the Son of God.

Brother Mason was stricken with spinal paralysis February 12th. It broke the material, but not the spiritual man. No eclipse was on his soul. His mind has been clear and his speech unfettered from the first. It is good to commune with him. There is inspiration in it. He preaches still. It is a gospel of patience and good cheer and blessed hope. His active work is done. Its memorials remain. Into circuit and station and district he has built forty and four earnest and effective years.

In this trial, as in a kindred trial of recent years, the love and loyalty of the Milford Church are beyond all praise.

3. BENEVOLENCES AND BETTERMENTS.—Advances have been general. Sixteen charges surpass, ten equal, and seven approximate last year's reports, besides generous offerings to other than our regular causes. The Twentieth-century call has not awakened large response. Financial weakness and local needs are urged. We are not rich, and our burdens are sometimes galling. Some charges have no parsonages or ill ones. Some have recently built or improved, or are now building or improving, properties, or have paid or are now paying old debts, so that our home needs make us conservative in foreign giving. Two years ago the Moscow Church was imperiled by a debt of \$1,600, but the zeal of the pastor rescued it. It is now clear.

An old debt on the Feesburg parsonage has been paid.

On the Twentieth-century debt proposition we are entitled to \$5,000 credit, being moneys paid on old obligations on the Moscow, New Richmond, Amelia, Feesburg, Lebanon, Mason, South Lebanon, and Miami-ville properties.

Improvements have been made at Moscow, Amelia, Aberdeen, Decatur, New Richmond, Chio, Felicity, Mainville, Morrow, and other points. Loveland is building a new church. It will be convenient, commodious, and central. The cost will be \$4,500, on which the pastor has \$3,400 in money and subscriptions.

Other enterprises are formulating, but as yet they are prophecies rather than accomplishments. I leave them to their futures.

4. REVIVALS AND INGATHERINGS; OR, THE PROBLEM OF NUMBERS.—Many charges have had, in one or more of their appointments, more or less extensive revivals, in which the Church has been stimulated to a larger spiritual life, while over eight hundred conversions and six hundred additions have been reported by the pastors.

At the suggestion of Bishop Warren touching the small increase in our Conference membership of late years, I have diligently sought for causes on the Georgetown District. We have suffered no losses, but our increase has not been great according to the Conference Minutes. Figures may not lie, yet miss whole truths. Facts at least modify them. What are the facts with us?

1. *The city has drained us.* Employment has forced our young people to the business and industrial centers. The outflow has enriched the city, but depleted the country, and that, too, of its best blood. But our increase has exceeded our drainage.

2. *Revision has shorn us.* Numbers are spectacular. There is magic in them. It is often false, but the fiction opens to promotion. Numerical pastors are popular. Lowering the lists hurts, but it is honest. The records have been revised. The dead have been buried. The unknown and unworthy have been eliminated, and the wreckage of numerical revivals has been cleared away. Perhaps in our zeal we have cut too close. The distant have been disfranchised, and non-payers have been guillotined too quickly. The hurt may be measureless. Our gains have been plus our eliminations.

3. *Competition has drawn upon us.* Great changes have passed upon our population. Whole sections once Methodistic are now Romanistic, not by defection, but death and removal and the consequent passage of lands. Bodies unevangelical, and others claiming to be Christian, but denying all Church organization, free lances, holiness and faith-cure cranks, responsible nowhere and sometimes with questionable records, have perverted and proselyted, wrought Church dissension, and created public prejudices to our hurt. Then there are now many Evangelical Churches where once there were few, which share with us both the field and its fruitage. Yet in narrowing areas and against competing forces we have advanced in numbers, as in all other lines of Church action and acquisition.

4. *Conditions far more adverse than those of the no distant past have hedged us.* Our rural regions, once readily accessible to sacred things, are become indifferent, if not resistant. The trend is far from spiritual, and the causes are evident:

(1) A commercialism, which exalts markets above sanctuaries, and the profits of trade above the gains of godliness, is well-nigh universal.

(2) A materialism, which eclipses soul in sense and eternity in time, which nourishes appetite and starves aspiration, is widely and strongly prevalent.

(3) A preoccupation, intense and unremitting, which excludes consideration and conviction, thralls the multitudes.

(4) A skepticism, not atheistic or absolutely infidel, but born of the criticism of the day, which quibbles and questions and doubts, is deeply rooted, not only in the general public, but even in nominally Christian circles. The blight is on many of the children of the Church.

(5) Evil circles us like an atmosphere. The city is invading the country. Its vices waste us. Pleasure resorts are multiplying within our western borders. By river and rail the city is dumping its human rubbish by the thousands upon us, until the day of God in some sections is become a carnival of folly and crime.

Such conditions must lower the moral tone of society, and make difficult spiritual inroads. Even with the odds against us we have gained, but our gains have not been commensurate with our ability or opportunity. Why have we not achieved greater results? Has Rome felt the

taint of Carthage, or has greatness made her complacent? Have we become educational and institutional, rather than evangelistic? Has fraternity eliminated the distinctive features of our earlier denominationalism, features ever associated with our greatest successes? Has the liberalism of the times made us lax in discipline, loose in living, latitudinarian in doctrine, and degenerate in experience? Surely the review invites serious and prayerful questioning. The great century awaits the great Church. Shall she enter it aflame with the old life, sounding the old truths and using the old methods of victory? Then shall her banners be crowned with victory!

Brethren of the Georgetown District, it is no time for platitudes or incertitudes or easy dalliance! The old gospel of power and penitence and penalty is the need of the hour! Let us go forth with the Divine anointing to our tasks! Whithersoever they may lie, so shall our increase be as the increase of God, and our recompense as the days of heaven.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

V. F. BROWN, Presiding Elder.

Bishop Warren and Brethren:

One year ago, without solicitation on my part or consultation with me, Bishop Andrews was pleased to assign me to the responsible position of Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District, and now, a twelve-month having passed, I beg to present to you a report of the year's work, together with a hurried glance at the district. With the assignment came the firm resolve, by the help of the Master and the co-operation of the brethren, to make it a year of soul-saving and upbuilding throughout the entire territory; and God, always faithful, has verified his promises, and gratifying results have followed. Showers of grace have fallen in almost every charge, and a deeper, intenser Christian life is apparent. To God be all the glory for all victories!

I. THE FIELD AND THE FORCES.—Since becoming a member of this body, I have read much and heard more of the Hillsboro District (for I tread in the footsteps of such men as Drs. Pearne, Runyan, Pearson, and Bail, not to mention those of earlier years); but, fortunately or unfortunately, I had never served but one year within its present bounds. My first task, therefore, was to inform myself on the geography of the land I had come to possess; and while I had been impressed by reports from my predecessors of its vastness and resources, I am free to admit "the half had not been told." It extends from the Ohio River on the south to Xenia, Greene County, on the north, a distance of about eighty miles, and reaches from east to west some forty miles, comprising Highland and Clinton Counties entire, one-third of Adams, a portion of Brown, a slice of Warren, one-third of Greene, two appointments in Fayette and one in Pike County, embracing in all about sixteen hundred to two thousand square miles, with twenty-nine pastoral charges, eighty-six churches, and four additional societies, making ninety regular appointments in all, with a membership exceeding twelve thousand souls. These ninety appointments are distributed as follows: Highland County, thirty-three; Clinton, sixteen; Adams, fifteen; Greene, fourteen; Brown, five; Warren, four; Fayette, two; and Pike, one. To superintend this work has required no less than fifteen hundred miles travel by private conveyance, and fifty-five hundred miles by train; at the same time I have sent to these charges and pastors no less than twelve to fourteen hundred written communications, urging on or advising regarding the work. The zeal and consecration of the fathers of Methodism in this section, led on

by such spirits as Finley and Trimble, can never be questioned. The Church of to-day is proof thereof. We may differ as to their wisdom in multiplying church-buildings, thereby creating a large number of societies, many of them weak in numbers, necessitating a large number of charges of meager support. It is only a question of time when one of two things must come to pass; namely, a larger liberality on the part of many of the people in our rural charges, or the abandonment or consolidation of societies. Soldiers can not do effective service on half rations, and some of the pastors in rural places are not far from that, yet loyally and with little complaint are standing by the colors. God bless these men in our ranks, who are serving these hard places with success, but without complaint; and their faithful and consecrated companions, who are loyally and, often with large self-denial, so efficiently assisting in the blessed work. The average cash salary, including the three supply points, for the year past to the pastors of this district has been \$760. In all but four charges a parsonage home is provided for the pastor.

Among the forces working for righteousness within our bounds, a very efficient agency is the Epworth League, the young life of the Church. The district is well organized, with that personification of religious enthusiasm as President, Joseph W. Story, and a very successful district meeting was held in June. We had forty-four Chapters and almost three thousand members, together with six hundred and fifty Junior Leaguers. A campaign has been conducted this summer among the Leagues by the Volunteer Missionary Movement, with promise of great good. Of Sunday-schools we have ninety, with an excess of nine thousand scholars, and above thirteen hundred officers and teachers.

II. RESULTS.—1. Material. Considerable attention has been given to church and parsonage improvement. Practically a new church has been erected at Sardinia, Mt. Orab Charge, at an expense of \$1,800, dedicated free from debt. At Lexington, Highland Charge, a beautiful new church has been built, paid for, and dedicated, at a cost of \$5,000. At Prospect, Belfast Charge, the old building was so badly wrecked by storm last winter that a new one was necessary, and this will be ready for dedication soon, costing about \$2,500. At Mowrystown, Sugar-tree Ridge Circuit, the old home of the Finleys, a beautiful new brick church has been erected, and is now ready for dedication, costing about \$2,500. At Winchester, and also at Seaman, Winchester Charge, church enterprises are under way; at the former place a remodeling incurring an expense of \$1,500, and at the latter place a new building entire, at an expense of \$2,000. At Greenfield, long in need of a more commodious building for her large membership and Sunday-school, a new site has been secured, centrally located, paid for, and an architect employed to draft plans for the new structure, which, when completed, will represent an outlay of about \$40,000. Martinsville Charge has sold her old parsonage and reinvested to advantage, and Sugar-tree Ridge has sold preparatory to reinvestment. Clarksville Circuit has entered upon a parsonage enterprise, and when completed will furnish the pastor a comfortable home. It will cost about \$1,500. Improvements of various kinds have been made in many churches and parsonages, such as frescoing, papering and relighting, thereby adding to the comfort of the people and the value of the property. Many Church debts have been paid off and others provided for, the entire expenditure for these items aggregating \$18,517.

2. Spiritual.—On all lines the work has been pushed, and immediate results have been sought through the Sunday-school, the Epworth Leagues, the social services, the regular services, and special revival work. In the aggregate, 273 weeks, more than five years, have been devoted to special revival work by the pastors, resulting in the conversion of more than eighteen hundred souls. Hundreds of nominal, not to

say backsidden. Church members have been reclaimed or converted, imparting a new life in many congregations. While all have labored faithfully, some have achieved more largely. The preaching has been on the old lines of sincere repentance for sin, the heart broken for sin and from sin, a whole and Divine gospel, unconditional surrender of all to Jesus Christ, the witness of the Spirit to one's acceptance, and the exemplification in life of the power of Christ to save and keep.

If the list of charges should be called to ascertain the numerical results of conversions, the responses would be somewhat after the following: Hillsboro, 57; Belfast, 30; Sugar-tree Ridge, 20; Wilmington, 4; Peebles, 2; Dunkinsville, 12; Sinking Spring, 13; Lynchburg, 10; Leesburg, 25; Rainsboro, 35; New Burlington, 26; Bowersville, 51; Mt. Orab, 15; Fincastle, 30; Trinity, Xenia, 25; Jamestown, 50; Union, 60; New Jasper, 29; Martinsville, 3; Blanchester, 5; Wavnesville, 3; Sabina, 65; Winchester and Seaman, 130; Greenfield, 230; First Church, Xenia, 900. Scarcely a charge would fail to respond, for all have wrought faithfully.

I may be pardoned for speaking particularly of three revivals. At Winchester, George H. Smith, the pastor, was assisted by that veteran of many a hard-fought battle, who has seldom known defeat, J. G. Talbott, supply on Fincastle Charge. The engagement was short and decisive. Almost every class was reached, and so intense was the conviction in the community that people were converted away from the church. The like, it is said, has not been witnessed in that community in half a century, and as a result will come the remodeled church at Winchester and the new edifice at Seaman. At Greenfield, F. G. Mitchell pastor, the contest raged for fourteen weeks. The whole city was stirred. The pastor was his own evangelist, and led in all the engagements, being most ably supported by his noble and devoted people. Out of this remarkable revival, in which some two hundred and thirty were converted and reclaimed, will come the new church. Greenfield has the largest membership of any society in our Conference, numbering above eleven hundred in all. The great revival at First Church, Xenia, a Church noted for revivals, was one of the greatest, if not the greatest, in her long history. The pastor, A. C. Turrell, was assisted by Miss Emma Tucker, a Bible reader, capable and consecrated. Here all classes were reached, and extending beyond city limits entered the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans Home, several hundred of the more mature children being of the number converted. Xenia was moved as seldom before, and out of this revival and the work in Trinity, in progress a part of the time under the direction of the pastor, M. E. Ketcham, over four hundred were added to the two Methodist Churches on probation, while scores united with sister Churches in the city and adjacent country.

III. BENEVOLENCES AND CHARITIES.—All the benevolent causes have been presented, and I believe the reports of the pastors will show commendable faithfulness in this also; but I am persuaded that a judicious distributing of these causes through the year, and a faithful presentation of the claims of each, would not only mean a more liberal, but a more intelligent response. Too few of our people contribute to the benevolences, and only intelligence and grace can insure relief.

Some "Twentieth-century Thank-offerings" will be reported. C. C. Peale, of Bowersville Charge, will report a gift of \$500 from an elect lady of his charge for the "Home of the Aged," at Yellow Springs, Ohio; C. F. Enyart, of Wilmington, and H. C. Middleton, of Leesburg, will report \$150 and \$125, respectively, to the same work; Frank G. Mitchell, of Greenfield, will report a gift of \$500 to the same; and M. LeSourd, of this charge, will report a gift of \$4,500 to the same charity from an elect sister of this congregation. A. C. Turrell, First Church, Xenia, will report bequests for the Missionary Society, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the Cincinnati Conference Claimants in sums of \$500 each; J. A. White, of Union Charge, a bequest of \$500 to the

Richland Church; while doubtless smaller sums will be reported by other brethren, not known to me now. God has been good to the district in preserving the lives of his servants and handmaidens. Every parsonage home-circle remains unbroken, although shortly after our last session A. M. Griffith, a superannuated member of this body, passed to his reward, and later, R. A. Arthur, whose last work was within the bounds of this district, but long a superannuated member, crossed over, only to be followed in a very few weeks by his companion. Summarizing this report, we have the following facts: Charges, 29; membership at the beginning of the year, including probationers, 11,660; received by certificate during the year, 407; removed by certificate, 336; withdrawn, expelled, or removed without letter, 208; deceased, 141; present membership, including probationers, 12,328, a net gain over the report of one year ago of 668; weeks given to special revival work, 273; pastoral visitations, 16,161, Epworth Leagues, 44; Epworth Leaguers, 2,734; Junior Leagues, 13; members, 728; Sunday-schools, 90; officers and teachers, 1,343; scholars, 9,030. The work is accomplished, the record is on high, and we bespeak for the laborers the "well done, good and faithful servant."

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

C. W. BARNES, Presiding Elder.

THE Springfield District is beautiful for situation and rich in natural advantages. We have a fine country, good roads, good people, cultured society, and a harmonious and very creditable type of Methodism. The facilities for travel are already ample, and a network of steam and electric roads will soon make every part of the district easily accessible.

1. PAYMENT OF DEBTS.—The Twentieth-century Movement has inspired activity in this direction. Tippecanoe City has paid \$581—more than half the indebtedness on the beautiful new church—and has also spent \$100 in parsonage improvements. Greene Street, Piqua, has lifted an old debt of \$2,069 upon the parsonage, and has expended \$641 in church improvements. Brighton, South Charleston Circuit, has paid \$110. Williams Chapel, on the same charge, \$600, closing up the account of refitting their chapel, the total cost of which was \$1,300. Greenville can not be said to be in debt, for all outstanding obligations are covered by rapidly-maturing notes. In the last five years the pastor of this charge has made 6,800 calls; and the people have paid for all purposes \$40,000, being \$25 annually for each member, young and old, and in that time the membership has increased forty per cent. High Street, Springfield, has closed up her parsonage debt, amounting to \$800.

2. IMPROVEMENTS.—South Charleston has raised and paid upon improvements \$300; Tremont City, \$200 for repairs on Tremont City church. Grace Church, Piqua, has expended \$250 in improvements. Nation Chapel has beautified her church by an expenditure of \$158. New Carlisle is in the midst of improvements on churches and parsonage, amounting to \$600, and has overpaid the pastor. The current expense account is the best for years. At a cost of \$1,300, St. Paul's Church, Springfield, has been thoroughly renovated and refitted. A beautiful new carpet has been provided, and at the reopening the interior will be as pleasing as at the dedication. Besides this, \$100 has been expended on the parsonage. New life and interest are felt in all the work of this Church. Central, Springfield, has also been refitted and improved, at an expense of \$4,939. This includes a fine pipe-organ costing \$2,000, fresco work, new carpet, cathedral-glass windows, and the old mother Church is now as attractive as any sanctuary in Springfield.

Besides this record, Central brings up an excellent report on current expense and the benevolences.

3. NEW ENTERPRISES.—In this list the parsonage at Catawba may be mentioned. The beginning of the work has been reported; but it is a pleasure now to announce that the whole of the debt has been canceled. Not a little credit is due the unfailing effort of the pastor, Rev. S. W. Campbell, and the charge has one of the most comfortable and commodious homes in the district. It is modern in all of its appointments, and the total cost was \$2,800. Three hundred dollars, a part of which is already provided, will close the account on the elegant new parsonage at South Charleston. Vienna Cross Roads has recently inaugurated a movement for a new church, and \$1,400 are already subscribed. The work will begin in the early spring. Great interest is found in the progress of the building of the new churches at Troy and First Church, Urbana. The structures are sufficiently advanced to show what the buildings will be, and both congregations find satisfaction as the completeness and beauty of the plans become apparent. The First Church hopes to dedicate about Christmas-time, and Troy near the Easter-day. Practically two new churches may be reported for Springfield. Since last Conference, Clifton Avenue congregation has passed through stirring vicissitudes. The building in which the services were held, a very neat, serviceable brick church, was owned by the Freewill Baptists, and its use had been secured by a yearly rental. It transpired that while our trustees were negotiating its purchase, another party offered a larger price and secured the property. For two or three weeks it seemed certain that our flock would be without a fold. Those were indeed dark days. When the first payment was to be made, the purchaser failed to meet the financial conditions of the agreement. The property was thus released and placed again upon the market. An advanced offer was made by our trustees, and accepted. The timely presence and substantial check of Mr. Robert Johnson, a member of High Street Church, closed the bargain, and this act will ever be held in grateful remembrance by the Clifton Avenue congregation. This property, including a seven-room residence in the rear, cost \$2,900. The original cost of the building was about \$6,000. It is now in fair condition, and the location is excellent. During the year \$1,215 have been paid on this purchase. Through all these dark days and this stirring episode the faith of our good pastor, Brother C. D. Munsey, did not fail, but he prayed and shouted us through. Clifton Avenue will never forget the pastor who cheered them when their hearts were heavy. The coming year will be one of hard work; but the toil will be made glad by inspiring prospect, and the final success of the enterprise is only a question of time and faithfulness. Equally interesting is the history of the Grace Church movement. As reported last year, the trustees of the Ohio Wesleyan University were so kind as to waive a part of the requirement necessary for realizing upon the bequest of the Mast estate. Upon the request of the trustees of Grace, seconded and urged by the presiding elder, the university trustees were so kind as to waive another thousand dollars under the same conditions. This much-appreciated kindness reduced the requirement to one thousand dollars. Safe subscriptions for that amount are now secured, and plans and specifications for a new ten-thousand-dollar church in the West End will be the order of the day just as soon as the settlement of the estate takes place.

4. BETTER PASTORAL SUPPORT.—Care has been given to impress the duty of greater promptness and generosity in pastoral support. I have some knowledge of skeptical views, but in the eldership I find a critical argument which I frankly confess I can answer in only one way. The skeptic says: "There goes one of your mean, parsimonious, stingy, avaricious Christians. If your Christianity is divine, it should make him generous." There is but one reply, "That man is not a Christian; he is

a miser." The worst of all drunkenness is money drunkenness. A whisky drunkard is sober at least a part of the time; but a money drunkard is "tight" all the time. I was told of a certain man worth sixty thousand dollars, who gives five dollars for the support of the Church, and nothing at all for the benevolences. I fear that the Springfield District is the only paradise that brother will ever know. Think of turning such a man loose where the streets are paved with gold! The following charges have increased the pastor's salary this year: Greenville, \$50; King's Creek, \$95; Christiansburg, \$100; Yellow Springs (Emory added), \$130. In promptness of payment a complete list can not be given; but this year the following charges deserve special and honorable mention: New Carlisle, King's Creek, Christiansburg, South Charleston Circuit, and Yellow Springs. While these deserve commendation, there are some shameful cases of disposition to reduce the support to starvation rates.

5. EPWORTH LEAGUES AND SABBATH-SCHOOLS.—There are twelve Junior Leagues, thirty-one Senior Leagues, and sixty-one Sabbath-schools in the district. The *Lecture Bulletin*, published by the District Cabinet, proved of material help in providing interesting and instructive evenings at nominal cost. The Leagues are earnest and loyal. The Sabbath-schools are efficient. Care has been taken that the teachers be worthy in character and religious experience, as well as intellectually qualified.

6. BEQUESTS AND GIFTS.—The Church has been remembered in two bequests. The older ministers will recall the late Rev. William Michael, a worthy local preacher of the Dalton Charge. His widow, Mrs. Michael, has passed to the beyond, and has bequeathed five hundred dollars to Newson Chapel, upon such conditions that practically the income will be available from year to year for the support of the Dalton pastor. It was a double tribute to her beloved Church and her sainted husband, and this memorial will preserve his honored name and her own in the memory of the Newson people forever. A bequest of \$807.64 to the Parent Missionary Society, and \$820 to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, is found in the will of Rev. Wesley Webster, a revered name in the Cincinnati Conference. That elect layman, Laban W. Haughey, whose generous gift last year made the new parsonage at South Charleston a possibility, has remembered the Ohio Wesleyan University in a gift of three thousand dollars. There has also been a bequest of three thousand dollars to the Home for the Aged.

7. BENEVOLENCES.—I have urged the benevolences in every Quarterly Conference. I have made an address on missions in every charge, and pressed the matter with the pastors and people, and have done everything I could to promote these important interests. Special attention was given the Easter missionary offering, and it was very generally taken, amounting to \$631. Miss Virgie Swormstedt, of the Ohio Wesleyan University, made a vacation tour of the district, interesting the Epworth Leagues and Churches in the Students' Volunteer Movement. She visited thirteen Leagues, organized twelve missionary committees, placed three missionary libraries, and parts of six others. She established six study classes, and addressed thirteen hundred people. This valuable educational work will bear fruit. Fourteen pastors report an increase of the missionary collection, and to the regular offering should be added the bequest of \$807.36 to the Parent Board, already mentioned. The Woman's Home Missionary Society and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society are well organized, and doing effective work. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has received, as already noted, a bequest from the Webster estate of \$828.64. The banner appointments for special benevolences are Yellow Springs and South Charleston. A gift of five thousand dollars was made to the Home for the Aged by Mrs. Mattie Marshall, of the Old Town Society. The offerings from the South Charleston Charge:

Home for the Aged, \$500; Gift of Brother Haughey to Ohio Wesleyan University, \$3,000; Bequests from Webster estate—Missions, \$807.64; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$820.

8. FINAL APPOINTMENTS.—Death, the silent Bishop, has made some final appointments. He has given two of our superannuates to most congenial service. With joy they have entered upon their new and higher ministry.

Rev. J. P. Shultz heard the "twilight bell" and "the one clear call" when in the midst of great usefulness as a citizen minister. A saloon battle was raging in New Carlisle, and when he fell the enemy actually openly rejoiced because the dead preacher could not vote. No higher tribute than the mention of this fact need be paid to his sterling character and sturdy worth.

How sadly we miss Dr. W. I. Fee! His great and beautiful life had a worthy end. Bunyan tells us that they laid the weary pilgrim in an East Chamber, and the name of the chamber was Peace. Dr. Fee rests in the East Chamber. The St. John of the Cincinnati Conference has gone home.

Mrs. Wesley Webster, a noble woman, loving Christ and his Church with passionate loyalty, has joined her husband in that heavenly service to which he was called some years ago.

In the early spring, little Chester Elliott, the sweet four-year-old child of the Yellow Springs parsonage, while wandering among the Easter lilies met the Angel of the Resurrection, and they went away together.

9. CAMP-MEETING.—The Urbana Camp-meeting was an occasion of profit and inspiration. The directors invited the ministers of the district and their wives to be their guests during the meeting, and this courtesy was highly appreciated. The preaching was of a high order in excellence and spirituality, and the Christian fellowship of both ministers and laymen was delightful.

10. HOME FOR THE AGED.—This noble philanthropy is growing in the favor of the people as the tenderness and beauty of the work is better understood. The District Ministerial Association, which held a memorable session at Yellow Springs, visited the Home, and spent with its members and superintendent, Dr. H. C. Weakley, a mutually pleasant hour.

11. REVIVALS.—There have been marked revivals in a number of places. The largest ingathering was upon the Mutual Charge. Two hundred and six conversions were reported upon this work. For the entire district the pastors, taking especial care that the statements be safely conservative, report that there have been 776 confessions of faith, and there have been (upon probation and by letter) 1,004 additions to the membership of the Church. Careful inquiry shows that the membership rolls have been revised, removing in all 441 names.

12. THE RELATIONS OF PASTORS AND PEOPLE have been harmonious and happy. There have been twenty-one requests for the return of pastors. Two are for the sixth year. The removal of the time-limit does not seem to have disturbed the Churches of the Springfield District. It is not possible to pay personal tribute to the pastors of the district. They are noble, conscientious men, and have not only grace, but ability sufficient to fill any place of responsibility and honor within the gift of the Church. Our Churches are loyal and correspondingly prosperous. There is a swing and momentum about the work as a whole, which is most encouraging. It is my most earnest purpose to promote this aggressive enthusiasm, and make it the basis and inspiration for yet larger success.

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STATISTICS.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS' REPORT.

QUESTION 30.—*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

ANSWER, \$10,699.52

QUESTION 31.—*What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

RECEIPTS.

ANSWER.—From Chartered Fund,	\$22 00
From Conference Trustees,	472 93
From Mears Bequest,	121 00
From Book Concern,	892 00
From the Charges,	5,602 00
 Total,	 \$7,109 93

DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stew- ards.	Amount paid.	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIM- ANTS.
MINISTERS.				
Rev. J. T. Ball,	Self,	\$400 00	\$258 00	Norwood, O.
Rev. J. G. Black,	Self,	400 00	258 00	New Carlisle, O.
Rev. L. O. Deputy,	S. F. Bell,	400 00	258 00	Moulton Ave., Price Hill, Cincinnati, O.
Rev. G. M. Edgar,	Self,	300 00	193 50	Troy, O.
Rev. S. W. Edmiston,	Self,	300 00	193 50	Winchester, O.
Rev. G. W. Fee,	By mail,	400 00	258 00	Mt. Orab, O.
Rev. T. E. Fidler,	E. H. Cherington,	275 00	177 31	Urbana, O.
Rev. J. W. Hickman,	By mail,	150 00	96 75	Delaware, O.
Rev. J. F. Hull,	By mail,	200 00	129 00	Rowland, Ala.
Rev. W. P. Jackson,	Self,	250 00	161 25	Blanchester, O.
Rev. E. P. James,	Self,	250 00	161 25	Delaware, O.
Rev. H. M. Keck,	Self,	350 00	225 75	Hamilton, O.
Rev. J. F. Loyd,	T. B. Ayres,	400 00	258 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. S. N. Marsh,	By mail,	300 00	193 50	Fresno, Cal.
Rev. J. W. Mason,	By mail,	300 00	193 50	Milford, O.
Rev. J. H. Middleton,	H. C. Middleton,	250 00	161 25	Greenfield, O.
Rev. Adam Miller,	By mail,	350 00	225 75	172 Ashland Bou., Chicago.
Rev. W. H. Sutherland,	Self,	400 00	258 00	Wyoming, O.
Rev. Wm. M. West,	A. D. Maddox,	250 00	161 25	Newtown, O.
Rev. L. F. Young,	By mail,	300 00	193 50	St. Paris, O.
Rev. J. T. Taggart,	Self,	50 00	32 25	—
Funeral expenses of D. C. Vance,	J. H. Vaughan, . . . Net	50 00	50 00	
Rev. J. S. Whitney,	J. L. Shively, . . . Net	50 00	50 00	
Total,		\$6375 00	\$4147 31	

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CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stew- ards . .	Amount paid . .	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIM- ANTS.
WIDOWS.				
Mrs. M. G. Baker, . . .	A. C. Turrell,	\$150 00	\$96 75	Xenia, O.
Mrs. J. P. Bishop, . . .	By mail,	150 00	96 75	Franklin, Ky.
Mrs. S. A. Brewster, . .	C. M. VanPelt,	75 00	48 37	Springfield, O.
Mrs. D. Callahan, . . .	M. LeSourd,	150 00	96 75	Georgetown, O.
Mrs. J. W. Cassatt, . .	C. L. Conger,	200 00	129 00	Greenville, O.
Mrs. Jesse R. Hall, . .	J. D. Darling,	100 80	64 50	Point Pleasant, O.
Mrs. Wm. Herr,	J. G. Vaughan,	200 00	129 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. W. E. Hines, . . .	E. T. Lane,	200 00	129 00	Williamsburg, O.
Mrs. M. L. Hypes, . . .	E. Burdsall,	50 00	32 25	
Mrs. Mary H. Irvin, . .	By mail,	125 00	80 52	Sharon, Pa.
Mrs. C. Kalbfus,	C. H. Kalbfus,	150 00	96 75	Frostburg, Md.
Mrs. J. W. Keely, . . .	J. P. Porter,	50 00	32 25	Oxford, O.
Mrs. G. H. Kennedy, . .	By mail,	200 00	129 00	Spencerville, O.
Mrs. Eli Kirk,	J. F. Laird,	100 00	64 50	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. H. Miller and daughter,	E. McHugh,	225 00	145 12	Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. N. McDonald, . . .	C. M. VanPelt,	200 00	129 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. Joseph Newson, .	G. L. Tufts,	200 00	129 00	New Carlisle, O.
Mrs. I. C. Page and children,	A. N. Spahr,	250 00	161 25	Mechanicsburg, O.
Mrs. G. T. Perry and children,	Self,	250 90	161 25	Lynchburg, O.
Mrs. J. M. Robinson, .	By mail,	25 00	Net	
Mrs. D. H. Sargent, . .	By mail,	100 00	64 50	St. Louis, Mo.
Mrs. E. C. Smith and children,	By mail,	300 00	193 50	Cleves, O,
Mrs. Jas. Stephenson, .	U. G. Humphrey,	200 00	129 00	Jamestown, O.
Mrs. H. Stokes,	J. P. Porter,	150 00	96 75	Lambert's Pt., Norfolk, Va.
Mrs. A. W. Tibbitts, . .	U. G. Humphrey,	200 00	129 00	Jamestown, O.
Mrs. D. C. Vance, . . .	J. G. Vaughan,	100 00	64 50	Dayton, O.
Mrs. L. F. Van Cleve, .	By mail,	75 00	48 37	Troy, O.
Mrs. Louisa Wones, . .	C. M. VanPelt,	75 00	48 37	Springfield, O.
Funeral expenses of Mrs. John Shinn,	H. C. Weakley, . . Net	50 00	50 00	
Printing Minutes,		5 00	5 00	
Stationery,		2 00	2 00	
Treasurer,		2 00	2 00	
To W. J. Baker, advance of last year,		13 52	13 52	
To A. D. Maddox, advance of last year,		2 00	2 00	
Total,		\$4324 52	\$2953 52	
Total disbursements,			\$7100 83	
Balance in treasury.		\$9 10		

A. T. COWGILL, *Chairman.*

J. R. HILL, *Secretary.*

A. D. MADDOX, *Treasurer.*

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A. B. AUSTIN,

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E. BURDSALL,

G. M. FULTON,

J. L. DALBEY.

Board of Conference Stewards.

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REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER FOR 1900.

RECEIPTS.

	CASH.	VOUCHER.	GRAND TOTAL.
For Missionary Society,	\$15,369 00	\$5,904	\$21,273 00
For Church Extension Society,	1,613 00	388	2,001 00
For Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education,	1,845 00	705	2,550 00
For Education,	326 00	274	600 00
For Children's Fund,	574 00	446	1,020 00
For Sunday-school Union,	283 00	73	356 00
For Tract Society,	275 00	64	339 00
For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,	30 00	16,313	16,343 00
For Woman's Home Missionary Society, .	20 00	6,725	6,745 00
For American Bible Society,	367 00	447	814 00
For Christ's Hospital,	1,247 00	3,002	4,249 00
For Conference Claimants,	5,331 00	296	5,627 00
For Episcopal Fund,	1,229 00	273	1,502 00
For General Conference Expenses,	66 00	519	585 00
For Home of the Aged,	47 00	17,169	17,216 00
For Other Benevolent Objects,	123 00	10,771	10,894 00
Fractional Dollars received,	11 61	...	11 61
Grand total,	\$28,756 61	\$63,369	\$92,125 61

DISBURSEMENTS OF CASH.

Paid Jennings & Pye, for various Societies,	\$20,519 00
Paid A. D. Maddox, for Conference Claimants,	5,602 00
Paid W. F. McDowell, for Children's Fund,	574 00
Paid J. W. Bashford, for Ohio Wesleyan University,	326 00
Paid Samuel Shaw, for Church Extension,	1,613 00
Paid H. C. Weakley, for Home for Aged,	47 00
Paid A. B. Leonard, for Missionary Debt,	35 00
Paid Jesse R. Clark, for Cincinnati Missionary Society,	29 00
Paid S. O. Royal, for Publishing Minutes,	11 61

Total disbursements, \$28,756 61

Receipts and vouchers for the above amounts are in my hand.

CALVIN W. HORN, *Conference Treasurer.*

HILLSBORO, O., September 4, 1900.

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General Statistics.

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GENERAL STATISTICS, No. I.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

C. F. ENVART, New Richmond, O.

NAMES OF CHARGES.		MEMBERSHIP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Local Preachers	Full Members	Adults Bap'd	Children Bap'd	Probable Value	Probable Ch'ge
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.							
Bond Hill & Pleasant Ridge	5	133	1	4	2	\$8,000	\$500
Carthage & Elmwood Pl.	19	214	2	14	2	8,000	400
Ashmont: Asbury	15	167	1	6	1	\$2,000	2,500
Avondale	15	195	5	4	23	1,500	1
Christie	32	320	1	10	4	315	250
Clifton	3	60	1	3	1	30	1
Columbus	2	365	8	1	5	12	1
Columbusville	12	300	1	2	5	30	20
Delta Ave	14	234	1	3	1	275	1
E. Pearl Street	16	41	1	4	1	200	1
Fairmount	5	180	1	1	5	12,000	20
Fairley	5	140	1	1	5	7,000	1
Hopie Street	2	120	1	1	1	2,000	1
Linwood	1	113	1	2	3	1,000	1
McKendree	9	3,6	1	4	1	1,000	1
Mt. Auburn	4	40	1	3	2	1,000	1
Mt. Lookout	7	212	1	10	1	12,33	1
Pike Hill	18	177	1	8	9	10,100	1
Riverside				2	1	22	1
St. Paul	36	410	1	3	9	5,000	1
Trinity	14	441	1	3	4	6,000	1
Walnut Hills	13	525	8	7	1	35	1
Wesley Chapel	40	686	5	26	9	50,21	1
Westwood	14	184	3	7	4	1,000	1
Cleves	23	172	5	5	3	1,000	1
Delhi	20	135	1	4	3	1,000	1
Grosbeak	1	214	1	1	1	1,000	1
Hartwell	30	210	1	1	1	1,000	1
Harrison	2	170	1	2	1	1,000	1
Lockland-Wyoming	7	314	1	1	1	1,000	1
Madisonville	7	384	1	3	1	1,000	1
Norwood: 1st Church	2	280	2	1	4	1,000	1
Grace Church	10	204	2	2	1	1,000	1
Winton Place	10	138	1	5	1	1,000	1
City Missions	101	225	1	5	1	1,000	1
Totals.....	492	8577	29	84	184	120,450	44
DAYTON DISTRICT.						749,300	18
Bethany	166	38	3,22	4	4	1,6	75
Camden & Somerville	1	4	4	4	2	3,500	1
Centerville	4	402	7	4	3	2	9,500
Concord	1	205	1	2	4	2,500	1
Dayton: Broadway	44	770	4	10	30	25	2,000
Grace	6	756	2	9	1	79	650
Riverdale	7	124	1	15	9	31	325
Riverdale	7	124	1	1	20	10,000	1
Ruper	23	846	1	4	13	21	2
St. Paul	15	755	3	9	14	53	600
Trinity	1	379	1	6	3	24	100
Raton	1	202	1	2	2	190	1
Benevier & Honest Day	4	308	1	2	2	195	1
Fair Haven	2	241	1	2	1	26	210
Fort Jefferson	12	388	1	3	4	40,000	1
Franklin	1	608	1	8	23	1,000	1
Germaniaville	25	152	3	9	21	1,000	1
Glendale & Port Union	1	193	1	3	1	30	100
Cordon	4	323	5	5	1	16	70
Hamilto...	14	589	1	3	4	45,118	1
Lewish...	1	218	1	3	10	4,527	1
Mansfield	1	241	1	3	4	60,352	1
Middletown	69	698	1	6	17	2,000	1
Monroe	20	214	3	1	12	25,158	1
New Paris	3	150	2	3	1	8,000	1
Osborn	4	323	5	8	4	30,200	1
Oxford	13	325	2	7	8	22,000	1
Red Lion & M. M. Pittstown	1	160	1	2	24	5,500	1
Seven Mile	5	223	3	5	2	11,000	1
Springboro and Lytle	12	228	2	2	24	3,500	1
Venice	10	328	5	2	145	1,000	1
						1,000	1
						450	1
						700	1
						1,872	1

Cincinnati Annual Conference.

Names of Charges.		Membership.		Church Property.	
Church	Property	Bapt.	Sunday Schools	Mem.	Value
Walker and Union					
West Alexandria					
West Chester					
West Elkton					
Totals		398	11327	25	125,179,251
GEORGETOWN DIST.					
Aberdeen	2	430	3	4	45,240
Amelia	4	370	2	4	45,240
Batavia	16	248	1	6	4,470
Bethel	18	344	1	11	2,129
Butterville	19	281	1	7	1,558
Centenary	21	275	1	9	5,500
Elmo	15	301	8	2	5,331
Decatur	31	404	1	3	45,600
Feesburg	3	229	2	4	1,545
Felicity	35	325	1	7	16,250
Georgetown	3	457	5	3	41,300
Goshen	20	296	3	2	8,389
Laurel	3	355	1	3	4,400
Lebanon	5	251	1	7	2,240
Loveland	3	255	1	3	4,440
Maineville	12	304	1	9	14,322
Manchester	15	450	1	4	12,750
Marathon	11	288	4	2	8,388
Mason	1	262	1	2	1,000
Milford	16	178	1	2	1,050
Montgomery	6	440	8	4	2,250
Moscow	10	101	1	2	1,000
Mr. Washington	24	216	4	18	13,180
New Richmont	6	320	1	4	1,300
Owensville	10	255	1	3	4,420
Ripley	10	179	1	2	1,000
South Lebanon	6	267	1	6	20,440
Summerdale	16	448	2	3	5,510
West Union	10	350	2	5	2,250
Williamsburg Circuit	3	355	7	4	1,450
Totals		319	10148	21	144,264,990
HILLSDORO DISTRICT.					
Beltist	8	338	4	16	6,400
Branchester	10	302	2	5	4,220
Bowersville	17	323	1	5	4,500
Clarksville	14	306	3	6	4,800
Dunkinsville	9	262	2	5	5,000
Dunreath	12	210	2	2	3,000
Ghighfield	511	964	1	16	6,510
Hillsboro	10	302	2	3	5,506
Hillsboro Circuit	5	866	2	9	4,480
Jamestown	3	113	1	1	2,260
Leesburg	7	388	2	5	13,510
Leesburg	13	350	1	9	5,400
Martherville	8	420	2	3	4,440
Mount Orab	6	555	4	1	4,400
New Burlington	4	344	4	2	16,300
New Vienna	10	326	3	5	2,225
Peebles	8	433	1	4	3,500
Rainsboro	20	290	1	4	5,210
Sinking Spring	17	406	2	3	4,400
Sugar Tree Ridge	14	300	2	5	4,750
Unionsville	18	348	6	2	2,300
Waynesville	9	284	1	1	1,500
Winchester	10	442	5	4	2,290
Xenia	95	925	1	5	4,600
Trinity	28	404	4	5	2,800
Totals		404	28	70	147,560,000
4611081	261469	96,557,89	1208056	88	253,940,251,50,100,11,805,4,400,11,567

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

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GENERAL STATISTICS, No. II.

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY,

C. F. ENYART, Wilmington, Ohio.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.

	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.						Current Expenses.
	No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or Members in Home Dept't who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Members in Home Department.	Average Attendance.	No. of Scholars of all Grades.	No. of Schools.	
Cincinnati,	45	818	7,775	4,852	337	792	4,424
Dayton,	73	1,179	9,330	6,303	232	1,062	4,233
Georgetown,	99	1,292	8,593	5,695	204	1,151	3,008
Hillsboro,	89	1,208	9,056	5,406	77	1,219	2,918
Springfield,	63	1,138	7,888	5,390	209	1,142	3,226
Totals, 1900,	369	5,635	42,642	27,646	1,059	5,366	13,404
Totals, 1899,	358	5,626	41,947	25,614	1,745	4,218	15,375
Increase,	11	9	695	2,032	1,148	650
Decrease,	686	\$398
						1,971

GENERAL STATISTICS, No. III.

General Statistics.

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NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.	CURRENT EXPENSES.
		CLAIMS.		RECEIPTS.		SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS.			
		Total.	House Rent.	House Rent.	Salary.	Amount Paid... .	Am't Ap- portioned.		
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.									
Bond Hill & Pleas. Ridge,	J. P. Ninde,	\$450	450	\$601	\$601	Ex. \$151	\$28	\$11	\$74
Carthage and Elmwood Place,	S. G. Pollard,	900	900	900	900		\$4	5	250
Cincinnati: Asbury,	W. H. Spybey,	1000	1000	1000	1000		55	15	101
Avondale,	E. P. Edmonds,	2000	\$720	2720	2000	\$720	165	165	136
Christie,	J. R. Colley,	1200	1200	1200	1200		55	55	179
Clifton,	G. V. Morris,	1000	420	1420	1000	420	50	50	104
Columbia,	D. W. Clark,	1000	300	1300	1000	300	32	32	212
Cummingsville,	William Runyan,	760	240	1000	760	240	24	24	12
Delta Avenue,	D. J. Starr,	533	533	533	533		24	24	338
East Pearl Street,	J. T. Bail,	300	300	300	300		10	10	100
Fairmount,	F. M. Kirgan,	800	240	1040	800	240	1040		175
Finley,	I. R. Marshall,	700	700	700	700		14	14	50
Hopple Street,	C. T. Crum,	600	600	600	600		5	5	150
Linwood,	C. L. Myers,	600	600	600	600		22	22	30
McKendree,	B. D. Hypes,	1000	1000	875	875	125	28	28	602
Mt. Auburn,	R. J. Wyckoff,	1400	1400	1400	1400		60	60	15
Mt. Lookout,	J. W. Gaddis,	1000	300	1300	1000	300	1300		200
Price Hill,	S. W. Bell,	1200	1200	1200	1200		64	64	30
Riverside,	A. Wells (5 mos),	185	125	310	185	125	310		450
St. Paul,	P. C. Curnick,	1500	1000	2500	1500	1000	2500		167
Trinity,	W. A. Robinson,	2200	2200	2200	2200		135	135	200
Walnut Hills,	G. W. Dubois,	2500	1000	3500	2500	1000	3500		250
Wesley Chapel,	Gervaise Roughton,	1000	500	1500	1125	500	1625	Ex. 125	100
Westwood,	D. G. Latshaw,	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400		100
							70	70	200
							70	70	1200
							70	70	100

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NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.										S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	CURRENT EXPENSES.	
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			SUPPORT OF PRES'G							
					Total.	House Rent.	Salary.	Amount Paid.	Am't Apportioned	Amount Paid.	Am't Apportioned	Deficiencies.			
Cincinnati: York Street,	Edward McHugh, . . .	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$428	\$428	\$1034	\$1028	\$5	\$329	\$100	
Cleves,	F. C. English,	900	\$100	1000	900	\$100	1000	24	24	6	6	4	270	115	
Delhi,	H. A. M. Henderson, . . .	1000	.....	1000	1000	.....	1000	40	40	6	6	10	42	60
Groesbeck,	S. B. Timmons,	675	.....	675	500	.....	500	24	18	18	18	18	1	50
Hartwell,	W. H. Wehrly,	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	60	60	1478	1478	40	450	175	
Harrison,	T. D. Moore,	500	100	600	500	100	600	24	24	624	624	5	152	47	
Lockland-Wyoming, . . .	E. T. Wells,	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	100	100	1925	1925	173	1215	318	
Madisonville,	W. A. Deaton,	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	100	100	1620	1620	196	800	145	
Norwood: First Church,	W. L. Y. Davis,	1200	.....	1200	1200	.....	1200	28	28	1240	1240	25	300	142
Grace,	G. B. Shanor,	1000	.....	1000	1000	.....	1000	32	32	1042	1042	31	200	130
Winton Place,	E. Burdsall,	800	300	1100	800	300	1100	40	40	1150	1150	61	180	85	
City Missions,	[Supplied],	2110	.....	2110	2110	.....	2110	.....	.....	2110	2110	.....	965	.....
Totals,		38113	6345	44458	38089	6345	44434	24	1938	1922	437	425	46781	1791	20040
DAYTON DISTRICT.															
Bethany,	C. L. Mackey,	600	75	675	600	75	675	54	54	10	5	734	5	125	
Camden and Somerville,	C. L. Chapman,	600	100	700	600	100	700	42	42	8	8	750	20	175	
Centerville,	Philip Trout,	800	150	950	800	150	950	66	66	8	4	1020	25	186	
Concord,	[John Harrison],	237	45	282	237	45	282	15	15	297	297	1	135	75	
Dayton: Broadway,	Creighton Wones,	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	80	80	1243	1243	40	406	300	
Grace,	C. W. Gullette,	2000	600	2600	2000	600	2600	182	182	2812	2812	163	2000	175	
Riverdale,	G. W. Vorhis,	660	.....	660	660	.....	660	42	42	707	707	5	315	66
Raper,	J. J. McCabe,	1450	300	1750	1450	300	1750	122	122	1895	1895	40	1210	348	
St. Paul,	J. G. Vaughan,	1400	300	1700	1400	300	1700	108	108	1828	1828	80	700	350	
Trinity,	E. M. Ellsworth,	700	200	900	700	200	900	50	50	953	953	4	326	156	
Eaton,	L. E. Prentiss,	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	80	80	1296	1296	50	70	50	

General Statistics.

Ebenezer & Homestead Av.	O. P. Hoffman,	600	100	700	614	100	714	Ex. 14	35	35	5	2	751	6	76	74
Fair Haven,	J. F. McColm,	600	50	650	462	50	512	138	42	35	8	6	553	12	100	40
Fort Jefferson,	J. A. Winkler,	500	50	550	481	50	531	19	42	42	8	8	581	15	77	140
Franklin,	A. B. Austin,	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	.....	70	70	13	13	1133	38	300	50
Germania,	H. L. Torbet,	550	.....	550	700	.....	700	Ex. 150	35	35	6	6	741	10	95	90
Glenida and Pt. Union, .	A. T. Cowgill,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	64	64	...	8	1022	18	140	100
Gordon,	F. J. Reinbarth,	475	50	525	475	50	525	.....	38	38	7	7	570	8	333	122
Hamilton,	C. E. Schenk,	1500	500	2000	1500	500	2000	.....	129	129	...	15	2144	35	900	350
Lewisburg,	J. W. Patton,	525	75	600	534	75	609	Ex. 9	40	40	8	8	657	9	118	140
Miamisburg,	J. E. Abranis,	1050	150	1200	1050	150	1200	.....	84	84	15	15	1299	60	350	150
Middletown,	D. L. Aultman,	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350	.....	90	90	15	15	1455	19	792	154
Monroe,	Andrew Hamilton,	800	125	925	800	125	925	.....	60	60	10	8	993	15	150	50
New Paris,	J. McK. Shultz,	500	50	550	423	50	473	77	34	25	...	4	502	6	40	39
Osborn,	W. M. Patton,	600	110	710	600	110	710	.....	48	48	...	2	760	7	200	175
Oxford,	J. P. Porter,	1100	150	1250	1100	150	1250	.....	89	89	15	15	1354	26	550	86
Red Lion & Merrittstown, .	Henry Hershey,	575	75	650	575	75	650	.....	40	40	...	...	690	2	195	35
Seven Mile,	J. H. Lease,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	50	50	9	9	759	25	150	125
Springboro & Lytle, . . .	A. W. Hook,	600	50	650	650	50	700	Ex. 50	35	35	7	7	742	16	173	85
Venice,	O. D. Becker,	700	75	775	700	75	775	.....	40	36	3	3	814	15	145	165
Walker & Union,	[W. W. Reeves],	500	.....	500	500	.....	500	.....	36	36	7	7	543	...	80	25
West Alexandria,	L. E. Prentiss,	400	.....	400	400	.....	400	.....	25	25	3	1	426	4	60	75
West Carrollton,	A. K. Stabler,	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	.....	60	60	10	10	1070	26	95	75
West Chester,	J. A. Jenkinson,	550	100	650	550	100	650	.....	42	42	9	7	699	5	245	56
West Elkton,	[Fee Naylor],	325	50	375	328	50	378	Ex. 3	33	33	5	5	416	3	100	60

Totals,

27197 4630 31827 27189 4630 31819 8 2102 2082 299 308 34209 817 11092 4233

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

Aberdeen,	H. E. Armacost,	625	100	725	625	100	725	.....	60	60	7	7	792	25	125	100
Amelia,	A. L. Brokaw,	650	100	750	623	100	723	27	65	65	8	8	796	15	155	145
Batavia,	H. W. Bailey,	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	74	74	10	10	1004	19	158	125
Bethel,	A. G. Newton,	500	60	560	490	60	550	10	49	48	7	6	604	3	100	140
Butlerville,	[J. W. Burdsall],	400	.....	400	325	.....	325	75	36	28	5	4	357	3	130	76
Centenary,	[H. O. Collins],	500	.....	500	427	.....	427	73	48	41	5	4	472	2	150	20
Chilo,	[W. E. Shriver],	500	500	477	477	23	50	40	5	5	522	4	100	75
Decatur,	J. C. Maxham,	600	75	675	632	75	707	Ex. 32	50	50	6	6	763	3	125	92

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NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.										CURRENT EXPENSES.		
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		S. S. : Lesson Leaves, etc.	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	
		Total.	House Rent.	House Rent.	Salary.	Total.	House Rent.	Am't App.-portioned.	Am't App.-portioned.	Am't App.-portioned.	Am't App.-portioned.			
Feesburg,	C. H. Kalbfus, . . .	\$550	\$75	\$625	\$430	\$505	\$75	\$46	\$46	\$5	\$5	\$4380		
Felicity,	W. J. Dunham, . . .	600	100	700	600	100	800	54	54	7	7	\$50200	75	
Georgetown,	C. W. Horn,	700	100	800	700	100	800	70	70	10	10	764880	160	
Goshen,	J. H. McNary, . . .	600	100	700	574	100	674	26	53	6	6	73325	65	
Laurel,	T. G. Williams, . . .	600	50	650	500	50	550	100	54	54	6	61010	200	
Lebanon,	J. L. Shively,	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	90	90	10	10	130045	91	
Loveland,	E. S. Gaddis,	600	.....	600	544	.....	544	56	46	46	1	59110	119	
Maineville,	G. M. Fulton,	600	100	700	600	100	700	52	52	7	7	85925	125	
Manchester,	W. J. Baker,	600	100	700	600	100	700	60	60	7	5	76525	180	
Marathon,	W. S. Gray,	500	60	560	500	60	560	44	44	6	6	61010	160	
Mason,	W. A. Wiant,	800	150	950	804	150	954	Ex. 4	70	70	8	8	103212	70
Milford,	J. W. Mason,	1100	150	1250	1100	150	1250	.....	111	111	12	12	137382	220
Montgomery,	H. C. Hutchinson, . . .	500	.....	500	314	.....	314	186	40	20	7	7	3342	60
Morrow,	E. J. T. Connelly, . .	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	58	58	8	8	81620	122
Moscow,	W. E. Putt,	612	62	674	633	62	695	Ex. 21	58	59	8	8	76215	120
Mt. Washington, . . .	J. D. Darling,	654	.....	654	654	.....	654	.....	40	22	6	6	67615	80
New Richmond,	J. W. Gibson,	700	150	850	700	150	850	.....	54	54	2	2	9067	225
Newtown,	J. E. Beery,	600	120	720	550	120	670	50	42	37	7	6	71312	155
Owensville,	I. M. Davis,	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	54	54	7	4	80810	76
Ripley,	J. A. Geissinger, . . .	800	200	1000	805	200	1005	Ex. 5	74	74	5	5	108410	450
South Lebanon,	J. S. Whitney, O. L. Utter, .	600	100	700	428	100	528	172	46	39	6	2	5693	125
Summerside,	W. E. Spurrier,	500	75	575	500	75	575	.....	50	50	7	7	63210	40
West Union,	G. S. Easton,	700	100	800	680	100	780	20	57	57	5	5	84224	110
Williamsburg,	E. T. Lane,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	52	52	6	6	75825	130
Williamsburg Circuit, .	L. A. Washburn,	450	.....	450	450	.....	450	.....	40	40	5	5	49515	90
Totals,		20841	2747	23588	19965	2747	22712	876	1853	1772	205	191	24675	514
													5114	3008

General Statistics.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Belfast,	Thomas Cundy, . . .	600	75	675	600	75	675	.....	50	50	8	8	733	13	150	75
Blanchester,	C. H. Haines, . . .	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	50	50	9	9	859	16	150	100
Bowersville,	C. C. Peale, . . .	700	75	775	700	75	775	.....	50	50	9	9	834	17	170	70
Clarksville,	J. S. Ruggles, . . .	650	100	750	631	100	731	19	50	50	9	9	790	17	200	115
Dunkinsville,	[R. P. Geyer], . . .	350	.....	350	325	.....	325	25	28	26	3	2	353	5	50	50
Fincastle,	[J. G. Talbott], . . .	384	.....	384	249	.....	249	135	25	22	3	1	272	3	50	42
Greenfield,	F. G. Mitchell, . . .	1500	240	1740	1500	240	1740	.....	111	111	21	21	1872	128	388	249
Highland,	J. E. H. Sentman, . .	750	100	850	666	100	766	84	59	50	11	9	825	20	152	90
Hillsboro,	Marion LeSourd, . .	1400	200	1600	1400	200	1600	.....	150	150	23	23	1773	112	800	200
Hillsboro Circuit, . . .	(Wm. Hartley) & (A. Curless),	167	.....	167	129	.....	129	38	7	6	.....	1	136	1	18	10
Jamestown,	U. G. Humphrey, . .	900	100	1000	900	100	1000	.....	73	73	12	12	1085	72	232	70
Leesburg,	H. C. Middleton, . .	750	100	850	750	100	850	.....	64	64	11	11	925	33	200	131
Lynchburg,	R. E. Smith, . . .	700	150	850	700	150	850	.....	63	63	11	11	924	52	200	150
Martinsville,	W. B. Brown, . . .	600	100	700	510	100	610	90	45	45	5	5	660	10	200	90
Mt. Orab,	D. S. Ewry, . . .	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	52	47	8	4	751	.....	200	125
New Burlington,	R. K. Deem, . . .	800	100	900	800	100	900	.....	64	64	12	12	976	64	220	200
New Jasper,	C. W. Briggs, . . .	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	59	59	11	11	870	25	200	55
New Vienna,	John Wilson, . . .	700	120	820	700	120	820	.....	59	59	10	10	889	25	150	50
Peebles,	W. D. English, . .	650	100	750	623	100	723	27	59	54	9	7	784	6	195	75
Rainsboro,	H. G. Curless, . .	600	36	636	600	36	636	.....	52	52	8	8	696	42	130	112
Sabina,	G. P. Austin, . . .	720	120	840	720	120	840	.....	64	64	10	10	914	20	175	75
Sinking Spring,	J. H. Davis, . . .	550	50	600	532	50	582	18	44	43	6	6	531	5	165	57
Sugar Tree Ridge, . . .	D. A. McColm, . . .	600	.....	600	475	.....	475	125	45	38	9	5	518	6	150	90
Union,	J. A. White, . . .	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	.....	66	66	12	12	1078	68	200	150
Waynesville,	W. M. Coffman, . .	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	66	66	8	8	1024	20	200	55
Wilhington,	C. F. Euyart, . . .	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	84	84	13	13	1297	65	282	72
Winchester,	G. H. Smith, . . .	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	50	50	10	10	860	10	80	80
Xenia: First Church, . .	A. C. Turrell, . . .	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	.....	126	126	24	24	1950	600	1200	150
Trinity,	M. E. Ketcham, . . .	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	95	95	20	20	1615	58	420	130
Totals,		22071	3316	25387	21510	3316	24826	561	1821	1787	305	281	26895	1513	6927	2918

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Areacum,	J. R. Hill, . . .	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	65	65	8	5	870	10	210	112
Brandt,	E. L. Hollingsworth	400	100	500	410	100	510	Fx. 10	35	35	6	1	546	1	52	32
Catawba,	S. W. Campbell, . .	750	100	850	702	100	802	48	65	57	12	9	868	10	280	100

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NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						CURRENT EXPENSES.						
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS.			SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.			
		Total.	House Rent.	Salary.	Total.	House Rent.	Salary.	Amount Paid.	Am't Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Am't Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Am't Apportioned.	
Cedarville,	A. D. Maddox,	\$700	\$150	\$850	\$600	\$150	\$750	\$100	\$40	\$35	\$6	\$791	\$15	
Christiansburg,	J. F. Laird,	600	60	660	600	60	660	.....	35	35	4	699	10
Covington,	G. L. Travis,	435	100	535	430	100	530	5	25	25	7	562	32	
Dialton,	R. S. McColm,	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	45	45	10	805	24
Greenville,	C. L. Conger,	1100	200	1300	1100	200	1300	.....	90	90	8	1393	25
King's Creek,	W. L. Spence,	440	75	515	415	75	490	25	35	33	.....	523	2
Mechanicsburg,	A. N. Spahr,	900	200	1100	900	200	1100	.....	80	80	13	1193	50
Mutual,	J. L. Dalbey,	600	75	675	600	75	675	.....	40	40	10	725	15
New Carlisle,	G. L. Tufts,	600	100	700	615	100	715	Ex. 15	65	65	10	782	20	
New Moorefield,	D. W. C. Washburn,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	60	60	8	763	10
Piqua: Grace,	O. M. Sellers,	800	200	1000	806	200	1006	Ex. 6	50	50	13	1069	21	
Greene Street,	H. D. Ketcham,	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	140	140	27	2167	98
South Charleston,	J. S. Pumplrey,	850	150	1000	850	150	1000	.....	75	75	13	1088	38
South Charleston Circuit,	C. P. Pumplrey,	600	.....	600	569	.....	569	31	40	33	9	602	1
Springfield: Central,	C. M. Van Pelt,	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	135	135	27	2162	65
Clifton Avenue,	C. D. Munsey,	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	20	20	4	623	8
Grace,	J. L. Duckwall,	700	.....	700	610	.....	610	90	15	15	5	630	1
High Street,	J. A. Story,	1600	600	2200	1600	600	2200	.....	135	135	20	2355	115
St. Paul,	J. W. Peters,	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	135	135	20	2155	30
Tippecanoe City,	J. A. Easton,	600	125	725	600	125	725	.....	40	40	8	773	10
Tremont City,	Frank Leever,	750	96	846	608	96	704	142	75	60	11	773	33	
Troy,	S. O. Royal,	1400	250	1650	1400	250	1650	.....	115	115	20	1783	108
Troy Circuit,	S. A. Keen,	616	100	716	580	100	680	36	40	37	10	727	24	
Urbana: First Church,	M. B. Fuller,	1200	350	1550	1200	350	1550	.....	130	130	12	1692	96
Grace,	E. H. Cherington,	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	120	120	15	1635	100
Yellow Springs,	C. W. Elliott,	805	100	905	805	100	905	.....	55	50	9	964	20
Totals,		24896	5031	29927	24450	5031	29481	464	2000	1955	307	287	31723	992
													9392	3226

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

NAME OF DISTRICTS.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT OF PRESIDING ELDERS.			SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.			CURRENT EXPENSES.	
	CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Amount Paid . . .	Am't Apportioned.	Amount Paid . . .	Am't Apportioned.	Amount Paid . . .	Am't Apportioned.		
	Total.	House Rent.	Salary.	Total.	House Rent.	Salary.									
Cincinnati, . . .	\$38,113	\$6,345	\$44,458	\$38,089	\$6,345	\$44,434	\$24	\$1,938	\$1,922	\$425	\$46,781	\$1,791	\$4,424		
Dayton,	27,197	4,630	31,827	27,189	4,630	31,819	8	2,102	2,082	299	308	34,209	817	4,233	
Georgetown, . . .	20,841	2,747	23,588	19,965	2,747	22,712	876	1,853	1,772	205	191	24,675	514	3,008	
Hillsboro, . . .	22,071	3,316	25,387	21,510	3,316	24,826	561	1,821	1,787	305	281	26,895	1,513	6,927	
Springfield, . . .	24,896	5,031	29,927	24,450	5,031	29,481	446	2,000	1,955	307	287	31,723	992	2,918	
Totals, 1900, . . .	133,118	22,069	155,187	131,203	22,069	153,272	1,915	9,714	9,518	1,553	1,492	164,283	5,627	52,565	
Totals, 1899, . . .	130,996	21,675	152,671	129,424	21,634	151,018	1,613	9,690	9,454	1,568	1,475	161,763	5,015	53,905	
Increase, . . .	2,122	394	2,516	1,779	435	2,254	302	24	64	.....	17	2,520	612	.....
Decrease, . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,340	398

GENERAL STATISTICS, No. IV.

NAMES OF CHARGES.

Cincinnati: York Street,	30	20	50	8	1	1	8	1	1	6	44	57	.....	6	70	6	3	3
Cleves,	20	5	25	2	1	1	2	.....	2	2	15	.....	5	...	5	4	.....	.....
Delhi,	42	20	62	4	1	1	4	2	4	...	68	27	.....	7	42	10	.....	.....
Groesbeck,	10	.....	10	.....	1	1	1	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	...	5	.....	.....
Hartwell,	78	52	130	15	2	2	15	3	21	3	113	120	25	...	40	18	25	8
Harrison,	3	7	10	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	4	...	49	.....	11	...	5	...	.....	.....
Lockland-Wyoming,	403	76	479	101	1	1	171	4	5	23	477	.....	389	25	173	25	428	*18
Madisonville,	121	150	271	12	5	2	12	9	6	...	250	.....	.....	...	196	20	120	.....
Norwood: First Church,	41	34	75	.....	1	1	17	.....	11	1	141	.....	20	...	25	12	20	.....
Grace,	46	62	108	10	4	...	10	.....	7	6	.....	172	200	8	31	10	47	8
Winton Place,	100	61	161	17	2	2	18	3	3	6	86	184	38	...	61	10	17	.....
Totals,	4,306	2,055	6,361	854	138	132	1,158	189	223	337	10587	3,034	5,804	171	1,791	425	2,829	579

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Bethany,	15	5	20	3	2	1	4	.....	3	1	22	.....	12	...	5	5	.....	.....
Canfield and Somerville,	70	14	84	10	1	2	10	.....	10	2	41	.....	8	...	20	8	12	.....
Centerville,	61	24	85	8	1	1	5	.....	4	3	36	.....	40	...	25	4	.....	.....
Concord,	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	...	.....	19	...	1	...	.....	.....
Dayton: Broadway,	186	91	277	18	8	7	18	3	12	8	158	224	450	...	40	13	36	.....
Grace,	390	135	525	10	5	5	20	.....	5	5	178	199	.....	...	163	30	.....	.....
Riverdale,	10	10	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	...	5	5	.....	2	
Raper,	200	240	440	.....	5	4	100	10	5	5	180	525	1,025	18	40	23	10	18
St. Paul,	140	125	265	24	6	6	19	191	6	6	206	344	608	...	80	20	.....	.....
Trinity,	14	3	17	2	..	1	.....	.....	1	...	.....	9	...	4	3	.....	.....
Eaton,	116	44	160	15	2	2	15	.....	7	10	61	102	61	6	50	16	38	.....
Ebenezer and Homestead Ave.,	5	5	10	2	1	1	3	.....	2	1	.....	.....	86	1	6	2	.....	.....
Fair Haven,	62	8	70	6	2	2	6	2	6	2	.....	.....	63	3	12	6	.....	.....
Fort Jefferson,	50	3	53	10	2	2	5	.....	6	...	.....	17	...	15	8	.....	4	
Franklin,	54	20	74	11	2	1	11	2	2	20	34	102	.....	12	38	13	.....	4
Germantown,	17	11	28	1	1	1	3	2	.....	3	7	.....	.....	...	10	6	12	.....
Glendale and Port Union,	35	10	45	1	1	1	2	2	8	2	.....	.....	25	...	18	8	.....	.....
Gordon,	68	32	100	10	1	1	10	2	.....	1	.....	.....	25	...	8	7	.....	.....
Hamilton,	130	75	205	25	5	2	30	10	10	8	175	61	32	25	35	15	95	.....
Lewisburg,	30	.....	30	7	1	1	6	2	.....	.....	10	.....	5	10	8	.....	.....	.....
Miamisburg,	171	75	246	6	...	...	38	.....	17	5	75	43	.....	...	60	15	100	.....

* \$100 additional by special gift.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											
	MISSIONS.			EDUCATION.			BENEVOLENT.			COLLECTED.		
Church	Total	Sunday-school	Church	Public	Child'n's	Freedmen's	Other	Other	Other	Other	Other	Other
Middletown,	\$47	\$25	\$72	\$12	\$3	\$36	\$2	\$1	\$44	\$172	11	3
Monroe,	25	15	40	1	1	1	1	1	50	15	6	26
New Paris,	9	7	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	7	4
Osborn,	10	15	25	1	1	2	1	1	1	15	2	15
Oxford,	97	22	119	10	4	3	11	5	13	81	33	9
Red Lion and Merrittstown,	16	4	20	1	2	1	12	3	10	1	1	1
Seven Mile,	50	15	65	12	1	2	20	6	5	23	30	2
Springboro and Lytletown,	37	23	60	12	2	2	20	4	5	2	1	1
Venice,	45	5	50	10	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1
Walker and Union,	30	.....	30	2	2	2	5	5	1	1	1	1
West Alexandria,	10	4	14	2	2	1	15	5	14	105	12	5
West Carrollton,	55	10	65	15	1	1	1	2	2	18	1	4
West Chester,	10	6	16	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1
West Elkton,	40	.....	40	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1
Totals,	2,308	1,080	3,388	249	62	57	419	252	134	134	1,403	1,849
GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.												
Aberdeen,	30	10	40	5	5	5	4	1	5	1	1	2
Amelia,	30	20	50	6	1	5	5	1	1	1	1	9
Batavia,	46	15	61	3	1	1	10	1	4	2	27	22
Bethel,	40	5	45	5	1	1	2	3	5	5	20	8
Butlerville,	20	.....	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Centenary,	13	.....	13	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	5
Chilo,	8	.....	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	2
Decatur,	35	40	75	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Feesburg,	33	.....	33	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20

General Statistics.

Felicity,	42	3	45	2	2	2	2	3	5	3	15	2	.....	5	7	3	1
Georgetown,	60	40	100	10	2	2	10	2	15	2	40	.....	30	...	20	10	10
Goshen,	53	47	100	4	1	1	4	.....	4	1	.....	.....	65	...	25	6	3
Laurel,	35	5	40	5	1	1	5	2	4	1	.....	.....	7	10	6	2	.....
Lebanon,	109	43	152	18	2	1	22	3	5	6	132	4	16	10	45	10	41
Loveland,	22	52	74	9	5	1	6	1	14	1	9	.....	.....	10	1	44	.....
Maineville,	18	10	28	1	1	1	5	.....	3	1	.....	.....	28	...	25	7	.....
Manchester,	60	24	84	5	3	5	5	.....	8	2	22	.....	41	4	25	5	57
Marathon,	28	.....	28	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	33	.....	6	3	10	6	29
Mason,	37	18	55	4	1	1	3	2	4	3	.....	.....	55	6	12	8	12
Milford,	170	50	220	20	2	2	21	.....	10	3	66	33	41	...	82	12	26
Montgomery,	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	...	.....	.....	.....
Morrow,	44	16	60	8	1	1	12	2	6	1	8	.....	28	8	20	8	21 1,006
Moscow,	65	10	75	10	2	2	5	3	7	1	.....	.....	30	...	15	8	.....
Mount Washington,	15	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Richmond,	30	7	37	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	60	.....	8	8	12	6	1
Newtown,	26	14	40	5	1	1	5	.....	2	1	60	.....	8	8	12	6	1
Owensville,	34	4	38	3	1	1	2	1	3	1	.....	.....	3	...	10	4	7
Ripley,	60	25	85	1	1	1	5	1	.....	1	6	10	23	...	10	5	6
South Lebanon,	18	5	23	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	.....	.....	3	...	3	2	.....
Summerside,	*64	16	80	7	1	1	7	1	8	1	.....	.....	.....	10	7	10	.....
West Union,	62	3	65	6	1	1	4	2	3	2	22	.....	.....	7	24	5	.....
Williamsburg,	37	28	65	2	2	1	3	5	.....	2	113	.....	36	...	25	6	11
Williamsburg Circuit,	50	.....	50	5	1	1	5	2	1	.....	.....	.....	4	15	5	.....	.....
Totals,	1,396	510	1,906	158	36	34	173	50	135	48	564	50	585	81	514	191	317 1,111
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																	
Belfast,	50	5	55	4	2	2	3	.....	4	3	.....	.....	26	...	13	8	.....
Blanchester,	23	30	53	6	2	2	6	1	4	2	13	.....	.....	16	9	8	4
Bowersville,	90	35	125	8	1	1	7	.....	25	2	1	.....	53	3	17	9	35 *500
Clarksville,	53	7	60	10	1	1	13	.....	8	2	10	.....	9	17	9	.....	.....
Dunkinsville,	20	.....	20	2	1	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	3	5	2	.....
Fincastle,	10	.....	10	3	1	1	3	.....	2	2	.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....

* \$31 from "Robertson Fund;" and \$2 from T. H. and J. Shinn for G. S. Miner, Foochow, China.

NAMES OF CHARGES.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
MISSIONS.		EDUCATION.		EDUCATION.		EDUCATION.		EDUCATION.		EDUCATION.		EDUCATION.		EDUCATION.		
Tract Society		Freedmen's Aid & South. Ed Soc.		Public Edu'nal Collectn		Tract Society		Sunday-school Union.		Board of Church Extension.		Tract Society		Home for the Aged.		
Church.	Total.	Sunday-school.	Sunday-school.	Total.	Sunday-school.	Total.	Sunday-school.	Total.	Sunday-school.	Total.	Sunday-school.	Total.	Sunday-school.	Total.	Sunday-school.	
Greenfield,	\$212	\$136	\$348	51	5	10	1	22	1	10	8	22	10	500	5	
Highland,	27	24	51	150	560	37	5	38	5	5	10	108	124	4,500	125	
Hillsboro,	410	150	560	9	9	2	2	5	5	10	252	156	20	20	13	
Hillsboro Circuit,	9	9	9	145	105	250	3	3	18	3	6	12	96	174	11	
Jamestown,	145	105	250	33	32	65	2	2	18	3	11	7	94	62	11	
Leesburg,	33	32	65	104	21	125	3	3	7	1	1	2	43	47	52	
Lynchburg,	104	21	125	20	20	40	1	1	7	1	1	2	34	62	10	
Martinsville,	20	20	40	25	5	30	2	2	15	2	5	2	36	42	4	
Mt. Orab,	25	5	30	240	15	255	8	8	5	3	3	2	5	42	10	
New Burlington,	240	15	255	79	21	100	2	2	15	3	6	2	7	15	25	
New Jasper,	79	21	100	97	20	117	9	3	3	1	1	1	4	82	5	
New Vienna,	97	20	117	57	9	66	1	1	8	1	1	1	13	9	3	
Peebles,	57	9	66	109	31	140	8	1	2	1	2	2	1	42	6	
Rainsboro,	109	31	140	45	30	75	1	1	5	1	1	2	30	75	15	
Sabina,	45	30	75	60	40	100	8	1	2	8	10	1	1	6	6	
Sinking Spring,	60	40	100	13	7	20	2	2	15	2	38	6	80	90	2	
Sugar Tree Ridge,	13	7	20	137	53	190	3	2	30	2	30	38	6	80	68	
Union,	137	53	190	69	16	85	34	3	2	19	1	3	1	36	3	
Waynesville,	69	16	85	173	27	200	20	1	1	19	7	3	7	93	62	
Wilmington,	173	27	200	30	10	40	25	4	3	24	4	2	11	11	10	
Winchester,	30	10	40	Xenia—First Church,	+\$935	140	1075	60	8	55	9	10	40	+\$595	33	10
Trinity,	153	50	203	153	50	203	15	3	2	15	7	9	15	93	120	10
Totals,	3,428	1,039	4,467	392	62	60	409	62	62	187	157	1,749	486	1,131	68	
* Gift by a friend.	† \$18.61 for India famine fund from Shady Side Sunday-school.										‡ Estate of Anna Rebecca Krepps, \$500.					

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																								
Arcanum,	35	55	90	4	I	I	5	I	2	I	31	.....	20	...	10	5	.....	6					
Brandt,	12	.....	12	I	I	I	I	I	.....	I	.....	.....	.....	.....	I	1	.....						
Catawba,	80	20	100	8	I	I	5	8	5	I	.....	.....	5	...	10	9	5	10					
Cedarville,	25	28	53	4	I	I	4	.....	3	5	12	.....	.....	.....	15	6	.....						
Christiansburg,	44	6	50	3	.....	3	3	.....	I	...	.....	.....	3	10	10	4	9	.....					
Covington,	22	18	40	6	I	I	7	3	2	2	7	.....	13	7	32	7	3	.....					
Dialton,	119	11	130	3	2	2	4	.....	3	I	28	.....	30	4	24	10	.....						
Greenville,	38	35	73	4	2	2	4	2	3	2	50	97	67	.....	25	8	.....	4					
King's Creek,	43	12	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	9	2	.....	.....					
Mechanicsburg,	110	100	210	10	2	2	10	2	4	5	86	21	.....	13	50	13	33	5					
Mutual,	70	20	90	10	2	I	11	2	12	2	.....	.....	.....	15	10	1	1	1					
New Carlisle,	30	30	60	8	I	I	9	I	2	2	18	.....	10	8	20	2	.....						
New Moorefield,	33	7	40	2	I	I	2	.....	4	I	.....	.....	2	10	3	6	.....						
Piqua: Grace,	68	47	115	10	2	2	10	5	14	10	45	32	100	7	21	13	22	.....					
Greene Street,	375	105	480	40	4	4	85	5	5	26	230	149	135	18	98	27	52	.....					
South Charleston,	*959	38	997	17	2	2	16	.....	6	2	828	6	.....	38	13	12	500						
South Charleston Circuit,	35	15	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	...	.....	.....	8	1	.....	.....	.....				
Springfield: Central,	225	157	382	34	8	8	36	10	25	5	161	127	30	27	65	27	.....						
Clifton Ave.,	8	42	50	4	I	I	2	I	7	I	.....	.....	.....	8	3	.....	.....					
Grace, . . . . .	.....	15	15	I	..	..	I	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	I	5	.....	.....					
High Street,	320	100	420	30	8	7	30	.....	10	12	140	348	120	.....	115	20	25	+3040					
St. Paul,	86	70	156	30	I	I	20	.....	5	5	64	138	12	.....	30	20	9	.....					
Tippecanoe City,	20	10	30	2	I	I	2	.....	2	1	18	.....	.....	10	8	.....	.....					
Tremont City,	91	12	103	10	I	I	6	I	7	I	I	.....	57	...	33	9	2	I					
Troy,	231	128	359	30	3	3	46	.....	174	21	76	176	33	10	108	18	68	500					
Troy Circuit,	68	13	81	15	I	I	15	.....	27	2	.....	.....	9	24	10	.....	3						
Urbana: First Church,	246	157	403	30	5	5	30	.....	7	24	118	115	78	...	96	12	19	3					
Grace,	330	70	400	25	5	5	20	.....	5	4	81	73	60	...	100	15	5	.....					
Yellow Springs,	67	46	113	7	I	I	7	4	4	I	46	74	.....	3	20	9	.....	5,000					
Totals,	3,790	1,367	5,157	348	58	56	391	46	341	138	2,040	1,326	775	135	992	287	271	9,073						

* \$807.64 by bequest from the estate of Rev. Wesley Webster.

† \$2,500 from Miss Mary E. Whiteley, and \$540 from Robert Johnson.

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																	
	MISSIONS.			EDUCATION.			Woman's Home for the Aged		Christ's Hospital		Episcopal Fund. . . .		Conference Claimants. . . .		General Conf. Expenses. . . .		Total Other Benevolent Collections. . . .	
DISTRICTS.		MISSIONS.		EDUCATION.		Woman's Home for the Aged		Christ's Hospital		Episcopal Fund. . . .		Conference Claimants. . . .		General Conf. Expenses. . . .		Total Other Benevolent Collections. . . .		
Cincinnati, . . .	\$4,306	\$2,055	\$6,361	\$854	\$138	\$132	\$1,158	\$189	\$223	\$337	\$10,587	\$3,034	\$5,804	\$171	\$1,791	\$425	\$2,829	\$577
Dayton,	2,308	1,080	3,388	249	62	57	419	252	134	134	1,403	1,849	2,599	130	817	308	386	635
Georgetown, . . .	1,396	510	1,906	158	36	34	173	50	135	48	564	50	585	81	514	191	317	1,111
Hillsboro,	3,428	1,039	4,467	392	62	60	409	62	187	157	1,749	486	1,131	68	1,513	291	456	5,820
Springfield, . . .	3,790	1,367	5,157	348	58	56	39 ¹	46	341	138	2,040	1,326	775	135	992	287	271	9,073
Totals, 1900, . .	15,228	6,051	21,279	2,001	356	339	2,550	599	1,020	814	16,343	6,745	10,894	585	5,627	1,502	4,259	17216
Totals, 1899, . .	14,786	5,590	20,376	2,057	358	358	2,913	483	1,059	703	8,882	6,517	16,744	523	5,015	1,464	4,773	
Increase,	442	461	903	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	116	.....	111	7,461	228	.....	62	612	38	.....
Decrease, . . . .	.....	.....	.....	56	2	19	363	.....	39	.....	.....	5,850	.....	.....	.....	.....	514	.....

CIRCUIT SALARY REPORT.

N. B.—The name of the charge is in SMALL CAPS, and the sums opposite each appointment indicate the amount apportioned and paid on pastor's salary.

APPOINTMENTS.	Paid.....	APPOINTMENTS.	Paid.....		
	Appor- tioned.		Appor- tioned.		
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.					
BOND HILL AND PLEASANT RIDGE :					
Bond Hill,	\$250	\$301			
Pleasant Ridge,	200	300			
CARTHAGE AND ELMWOOD PLACE :					
Carthage,	400	400	RED LION AND MERRITTS-		
Elmwood Place,	500	500	TOWN :		
CLEVES,	600	600	Red Lion,		
Addyston,	400	400	Merrittstown,		
GROESBECK,	300	242	SEVEN MILE,		
Asbury,	125	62	Darrtown,		
Ebenezer,	150	96	VENICE,		
Beulah Chapel,	100	100	Okeana,		
DAYTON DISTRICT.					
CAMDEN AND SOMERVILLE:					
Camden,	\$350	\$350	Washington,		
Somerville,	250	250	New Haven,		
CENTERVILLE,	590	590	New Baltimore,		
Bellebrook,	210	210	WEST CHESTER,		
EBENEZER AND HOMESTEAD AVENUE:					
Ebenezer,	350	350	Sharon,		
Homestead Avenue,	250	250	Tylersville,		
Concord,	100	100	WEST ELKTON,		
FAIR HAVEN,	360	292	Winchester,		
Sugar Valley,	240	170	Macedonia,		
FORT JEFFERSON,	148	148	Pleasant Hill,		
Hollansburg,	122	122	Simonsons Chapel,		
Jaysville,	115	115	GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.		
New Madison,	115	96	ABERDEEN,	\$220	\$220
GLENDALE AND PT. UNION:			Ebenezer,	140	140
Glendale,	250	250	Bradyville,	140	140
Port Union,	300	300	Fitch Chapel,	125	125
Princeton,	100	100	AMELIA,	400	400
Valley Chapel,	150	150	Pleasant Hill,	130	130
LEWISBURG,	315	324	Union Chapel,	75	75
Brookville,	150	150	Withamsville,	45	18
Pyrmont,	60	60	BETHEL,	215	215
MONROE,	700	700	Mt. Olive,	45	40
Amanda,	100	100	Lakin,	100	100
			Old Bethel,	80	80
			Clermont,	60	60
			BUTLEROVILLE,	125	90
			McKendree,	75	33
			Edenton,	125	80

APPOINTMENTS.		Paid.....	APPOINTMENTS.	Appor- tioned.	Paid.....
		Appor- tioned.			Appor- tioned.
GEORGETOWN.—Continued.					
Wesley,	\$125	\$72	GEORGETOWN.—Continued.		
CENTENARY,	100	66	SOUTH LEBANON CIRCUIT:		
Pleasant Hill,	164	152	South Lebanon,	\$475	\$369
Perintown,	104	94	Shiloh,	125	125
Mt. Zion,	104	89	SUMMERSIDE,	170	170
Mt. Olive,	85	72	Olive Branch	140	140
DECATUR,	208	192	Asbury,	140	140
Cherry Fork,	132	124	Salem,	50	50
Russellville,	160	160	WILLIAMSBURG CIRCUIT:		
Eckmansville,	100	100	Clover,	105	105
Fairview,	· · ·	56	Concord,	92	92
FEESBURG,	85	42	Afton,	105	105
Hamersville,	71	71	Salem,	92	92
Eden,	233	233	Branch Hill,	56	56
Pisgah,	91	52	HILLSBORO DISTRICT.		
Mt. Zion,	75	30	BELFAST,	\$138	\$138
FELICITY,	475	475	Louden,	138	138
Point Isabel,	125	125	Flat Run,	113	113
GEORGETOWN,	500	500	Folsom,	60	60
Free Soil,	115	115	Prospect,	90	90
Hillman's,	85	85	Louisville,	123	117
GOSHEN,	415	389	BOWERSVILLE,	241	241
Pleasant Plains,	110	110	Center,	255	255
Charleston,	75	75	Haws Chapel,	102	102
LAUREL,	230	190	Mt. Zion,	102	102
Franklin,	105	75	CLARKSVILLE,	315	317
Mt. Pisgah,	150	150	Olive Branch,	176	176
Spring Grove,	115	80	Union,	65	65
LOVELAND,	400	368	Kansas,	94	73
Branch Hill,	100	93	DUNKINSVILLE,	102	102
Concord,	100	82	Cedar Mills,	102	102
MAINEVILLE,	500	500	Union Chapel,	51	40
Zoar,	100	100	Quinn,	46	27
MANCHESTER,	415	415	Pleasant Bottom,	55	53
Bentonville,	185	165	FINCASTLE,	30	11
MARATHON,	159	159	Emerald,	130	35
Burdsall,	128	128	Fairfax,	54	54
Fayetteville,	75	75	Mt. Olivet,	170	150
Greenberry,	75	75	HIGHLAND,	281	288
Taylor's,	68	68	Memphis,	211	198
MASON,	451	455	Samantha,	164	108
Union,	167	167	Clear Creek,	94	79
Socialville,	182	182	HILLSBORO CIRCUIT:		
MONTGOMERY,	160	101	Brouse Chapel,	60	57
Bethel,	165	73	Pike Chapel,	42	31
Rossmoyne,	100	58	LEESBURG,	450	450
Miamiville,	122	82	East Monroe,	154	154
NEWTON,	187	187	Olive Chapel,	116	146
Armstrong Chapel,	187	135	LYNCHBURG,	315	315
Camp Dennison,	163	143	Dunn's Chapel,	175	175
Madeira,	138	122	Dodsonville,	150	150
OWENSVILLE,	265	265	Russell,	125	125
Maple Grove,	80	80	MARTINSVILLE,	130	96
Belfast,	145	145	Westboro,	185	185
Newtonville,	160	160			

APPOINTMENTS.		Paid	APPOINTMENTS.		Paid
	Appor- tioned.	Appor- tioned.		Appor- tioned.	Appor- tioned.
HILLSBORO—Continued.					
Midland,	\$110	\$84	Pleasant Chapel,	\$100	\$83
Morrisville,	175	145	Fletcher Chapel,	120	101
MT. ORAB,	225	225	CEDARVILLE,	600	500
Sardinia,	215	215	Clifton,	100	100
New Hope,	60	60	CHRISTIANSBURG,	194	194
Shiloh,	100	100	McKendree,	236	236
NEW BURLINGTON,	255	255	Beech Grove,	95	95
Sharon,	235	235	Wesley,	75	75
Lumberton,	215	215	COVINGTON,	400	400
Zoar,	95	95	Pleasant Hill,	35	30
NEW JASPER,	550	550	DIALTON:		
Mt. Tabor,	110	110	Newson,	327	327
White Chapel,	110	110	Asbury,	144	144
NEW VIENNA,	373	373	Simmis,	110	110
Auburn,	177	177	Grafton,	69	69
West Chapel,	150	150	KING'S CREEK,	250	250
PEEBLES,	400	400	Kennard,	50	50
Jacksonville,	160	133	Local Chapel,	40	40
Locust Grove,	90	90	Cable,	100	75
SINKING SPRING,	182	183	MUTUAL,	203	208
Cedar,	46	46	Union,	236	240
Carmel,	156	147	Treacle Creek,	88	90
Conoway,	37	37	Fountain Park,	73	62
Cynthiana,	60	60	NEW CARLISLE,	450	465
Pisgah,	69	60	Dowellsville,	150	150
SUGAR TREE RIDGE,	200	163	NEW MOOREFIELD,	128	128
New Market,	70	70	Moorefield Chapel,	167	167
Wesley,	100	61	Asbury,	162	162
Mowery Town,	50	39	Fletcher,	143	143
Danville,	40	25	SOUTH CHARLESTON,	675	675
Buford,	200	153	Selma,	175	175
UNION,	245	245	SOUTH CHARLESTON CIRC'T		
Spring Valley,	245	245	Pancake Chapel,	167	128
Glady,	125	125	South Solon,	92	100
Richland,	125	125	Williams Chapel,	127	127
Mt. Holly,	60	60	Vienna Cross Roads,	142	142
WAYNESVILLE,	650	620	Brighton,	72	72
Harveysburg,	150	180	TREMONT CITY,	182	135
WINCHESTER,	400	400	Concord,	364	270
Seaman,	300	300	Westville,	178	178
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.					
BRANDT,	\$90	\$100	Terre Haute,	122	122
Wayne,	75	75	TROY CIRCUIT:		
Palmer,	115	115	Bethel,	169	170
Pisgah,	120	120	Raper,	169	160
CATAWBA,	325	325	Casstown,	276	249
Nation Chapel,	205	193	YELLOW SPRINGS,	600	600
			Emory Chapel,	125	125
			Old Town,	80	80

C. COMMITTEES.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

WE recognize in this Society one of the greatest institutions for the Christianization of the world, and for the civilizing and uplifting of the masses. We desire, therefore, to call attention to certain facts:

That while the opportunity for doing good, and the open door for the Bible Society has been greater, and consequently the demands made upon its resources have been larger than ever before, yet the receipts and consequent ability to meet these demands have been growing less from year to year. The gifts of our Methodist Episcopal Church to this great Society have decreased heavily in the last twenty-five years. This continued decrease in general is not because of any lack of confidence in the Bible Society, but because of the demands of other benevolent objects, and the further fact that the needs and the work of this Society have not been sufficiently made known to our people. In support of these statements, we call attention to the fact that in 1867, with only 900,000 members, our Church gave nearly \$108,000 to this Society, while last year, with over 2,700,000 members, we gave only \$27,000, or one-twelfth as much per member as thirty years ago.

The work of this Society is fundamental and paramount to that of all other evangelistic agencies for the propagation of the "gospel of the Son of God."

As to the support of the other Societies we should do no less, but for this vital work we should do much more. There is a mistaken impression abroad that this Society is rich, that it needs no contributions from the people. The mischievousness of this impression is seen in the fact that its entire income would not meet the present restricted expenditures of said Society for three weeks in each year. As a matter of fact, the American Bible Society is almost wholly dependent on the contributions of our American Protestant Churches from year to year for money to carry forward its world-wide missionary work; and our Methodism should resume its old place at the head of the column of these Churches.

The American Bible Society works hand in hand with our missionary work, and often before the missionaries, preparing the way for the missionary.

It searches out the poor and neglected in cities and in isolated regions, who would otherwise be deprived of God's Word. It supplies our army and navy, our hospitals, prisons, homes, and many other institutions with the Word.

For Foreign Lands: It promotes the accurate translation of the Scriptures into other languages, a work requiring wise, unsectarian supervision. It bears the expense of printing and binding these translations, a work beyond private enterprises or missionary boards. Therefore, seeing that these things are so, your Committee recommend:

1. That the pastors be requested to especially bring this cause to the attention of the minds and hearts of the people.
2. That we request the Presiding Elders to apportion among the various charges for this Society an amount equal to one-eighth of the Missionary Society.

We congratulate this Society and this Conference upon the appointment as Field Agent of said Society the Rev. John Pearson, D. D., who has met with a splendid reception in all other denominations as well as in our own, bringing success to this cause and honor to this body.

We therefore cordially recommend that the presiding Bishop reappoint him to the same office.

J. T. BAIL, *President.*

T. D. MOORE, *Secretary.*

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

THE Committee desires to report that the accounts of the Conference Treasurer, of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Conference, of the Conference Treasurer of the American University, and of the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Stewards, and the Treasurer of the Publishing Committee, have been before it for examination, and have been found to be correct.

H. C. WEAKLEY, *President.*

EDWARD T. LANE, *Secretary.*

CHURCH EXTENSION.

WE recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

1. We heartily congratulate the Board of Church Extension and the Church at large on the remarkable success of this work through a period of thirty-two years.

2. That our country, being new, with rapidly-increasing population and new territorial additions, will continue to need Church Extension in the future as in the past, and that our Church by fostering and strengthening this work will increase its own power to do the larger work now thrown upon it.

3. That we, as a Conference, will not be content with anything less than a full response to the call of the General Committee for our proper share in Church Extension, until everywhere in communities now destitute the people shall have opportunity to "enter His courts with praise."

4. That we, as a Conference, will co-operate with the Board of Church Extension in securing within the ensuing three years Twentieth-century Thank-offerings for Church Extension to the amount of \$1,000,000.

5. That our Presiding Elders be requested to apportion with care the full amount asked for Church Extension to the several districts and pastoral charges for collection; and that, availing ourselves of the helps provided by the Board, and especially *Christianity in Earnest* and *Glad Tidings*, we will present this cause in all our Churches, and endeavor to secure at least the amount asked in accordance with the plan of our Discipline.

J. E. H. SENTMAN, *Chairman.*

G. W. VORHIS, *Secretary.*

DEACONESS WORK.

PART I.

ONCE more it is our pleasant duty to call your attention to the work of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association. This is a work the very nature of which appeals strongly to every Christian sympathy,

and the extent of which should be the pride of Methodism. It only needs to be understood to be appreciated, and we would that there might be such a deepening of interest in that work as will draw to it a more liberal support. The constant, quiet, helpful ministry of the deaconess workers is an inspiration to all with whom they come in contact, and a powerful influence in building up the Master's kingdom.

At the recent regular annual joint meeting of the Conference Deaconess Boards with the Board of Trustees of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association your Board was represented. The printed reports of the officers of the Association for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1900, were presented and considered. These reports show the increasing importance and needs of this important agency for good in our territory, and should be an incentive to the Church to co-operate still more vigorously in all its efforts.

It is unfortunate that the demands upon this work are increasing much more rapidly than the contributions for its support. Less than one-half our charges contribute anything in this behalf. Instead of an increase in contributions, there is a material decrease. Unless there shall be a speedy and substantial increase, this condition presages a serious crippling of the work now in hand in all its departments.

The total receipts during the fiscal year have been:

Cash	\$23,277 86
Cash value of donated supplies.....	2,259 28
Total	\$25,537 14

The current expenses have been:

Cash	\$27,922 01
Donated supplies consumed.....	2,259 28
Total	\$30,181 29

This is our work. The Hospital is open to us when the necessity arises. It has already received many of our people, and ministered unto them by the most skillful and tender ministry. It is ours to recognize that ministry by renewed efforts for its support and for the increase of its influence.

The names and work of the licensed deaconesses in the Home and Hospital are as follows: Hannah M. Pierce, superintendent of Hospital; Celia House, Carra Close, Emma Huston, Sarah Ireland, Minna Tischen-dorf, city missionaries; Lottie Sinnett, kindergartner; Sarah M. Martin, pharmacist; Ellen Slear, Clara Miller, Clora Solomon, Emma Ahring, nurses; Carrie Walker, Sarah Terhune, Azuba Buston, Clara Kirk, Harriet Grimes, Anna Sandidge, missionaries; Alice Thatcher, clerk.

The names of those to be licensed this year are as follows. They will be licensed as soon as the necessary preliminaries have been arranged, which probably can not be done until later in the year: Kate Rawls Haynes, superintendent Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home; Dora Haines, kindergartner; Ellen Aydelotte, Caroline Dan, Minnie Nichols, Julia Bedier, Ida Hoer, Anna Hare, Lottie Kuans, Linnie Terrell, Flora Faber, nurses; Laura Pierson, Olive Marshall, missionaries.

The names and work of deaconesses in the third and second year are as follows: Hattie Pillman, Anna Franke, Florence Deaver, Maud Demarest, Carolyn Faber, Alice Butler, Lula White, Elary McEwen, Eula Lee, Emma Austin (2), Alice Rogers, Stella Crone, nurses; Carrie Thompson, kindergartner; Cora Fisher, missionary.

We most cordially commend the earnest and practical work of Miss Hannah M. Pierce, the superintendent of the Hospital, and of Mrs. Kate

Rawls Haines, the superintendent of the Home. They are devoted, intelligent, and conscientious in the discharge of their duties, and enjoy the confidence, not only of the Association and its workers, but of the communities in which their influence is felt.

We again recommend the observance of the Sunday preceding Thanksgiving-day as "Hospital Sunday," in the taking of a public collection for the support of the Home and Hospital.

PART II.

The Methodist Home for the Aged, at Yellow Springs, Ohio, has been opened, and several of our worthy veterans are comfortably sheltered therein. Provision has been made for the heating of this commodious building. Its appointments provide for the necessities of its inmates.

This Home, we think, has been wisely placed under the management of an inter-Conference Board, appointed by the patronizing Conferences of Ohio, four of which have already united in the movement, and appointed the following-named persons: By the East Ohio Conference—Hon. William McKinley, C. E. Manchester, D. D., Canton, Ohio; Mrs. A. R. Chapman, Steubenville, Ohio. By the Ohio Conference—Mrs. Mary Cook Manley, Chillicothe, Ohio; Franklin McElfresh, D. D., London, Ohio; Philip Rising, Lancaster, Ohio. By the North Ohio Conference—Mrs. Ida M. Mitchell, Cleveland, Ohio; Hon. Henry C. Hedges, Mansfield, Ohio; Duston Kemble, D. D., Cleveland, Ohio. By the Cincinnati Conference—Robert W. Burns, West Carrollton, Ohio; W. A. Robinson, D. D., Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Virginia Lang Bosworth, Wilmington, Ohio. This was so arranged because the support comes from all parts of the field benefited by its ministry, and the territory should be equally represented on the Board of Managers, who fix the policies and direct the activities of the institution.

Deaconesses and helpers, who work on the same plan in the same spirit, will manage and operate the internal affairs. While a larger amount of money has been secured for its endowment and sinking funds—most of this is subject to annuities during the lives of the donors—the contributions to the current expense fund need to be largely increased; hence we exhort the membership within our bounds to co-operate generally by small gifts on the plan suggested.

We are greatly encouraged by the co-operation of the three other Annual Conferences in the State, which is an inspiration and a joy. We learn with great satisfaction that the representatives on the Board of Managers are intensely interested in the great work. Bear in mind that this institution, carried on with the business of our Church in harmony with our Discipline and by the blessing of God, is to be a perpetual home for a multitude of deserving saints, not only from the preachers' families, but from the laity as well. A Home—a sweet, secure abiding place for God's saints—especially for those now in sight of one of the many mansions. We cordially approve of Miss Elizabeth Ford Irwin, the present superintendent, who seems to have been providentially prepared for the place, and take pleasure in the presence of Genevieve E. Forsting, who had her nurse-training in Christ's Hospital.

We would speak in truthful words our appreciation of Brother Weakley—an untiring worker, an unselfish minister of our Lord Jesus Christ. We congratulate our Church on his ability and success in this work, in which his mature and large experience has made him most effective.

We cordially unite with the inter-Conference Board in requesting the appointment of Rev. Dr. H. C. Weakley as President of the Methodist Home for the Aged.

See the *Western Christian Advocate*, August 29, 1900, for the official report of the Home.

B. R. COWEN,
MRS. CARRIE McD. PEARNE.

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PART III.

We, the Conference Committee on Deaconess Work, indorse this report, and offer it also as our own in relation to this work; and recommend the following names as composing the Board for Deaconess Work for the ensuing year: J. A. Story, L. E. Prentiss, John W. Gaddis, Mrs. J. M. Walden, Mrs. T. H. Pearne, Mrs. W. B. Shattuc, C. L. Greeno, E. L. McClain, and Theodore Spear. The Committee also recommends that the name of the Committee in relation to the deaconesses, appointed by the Conference, be hereafter known as the Committee on Deaconess Work, instead of on the Deaconess Home.

J. W. GADDIS, *Secretary.*

L. E. PRENTISS, *Chairman.*

EDUCATION.

YOUR Committee on Education respectfully submit the following as a part of our report to this Conference:

Resolved, 1. We recommend the election of Jacob Saylor, W. C. Duckwall, O. N. Sams, J. B. Worley, V. F. Brown, M. LeSourd, Frank Durnell, and D. J. Flynn to be Trustees of the Hillsboro College for the ensuing year.

2. We do hereby recommend the trustees of the Hillsboro College to transfer the right and title to the grounds and buildings of the said college to the Board of Education of the Hillsboro Special School District for school purposes, upon such terms as they may deem wise.

3. We do hereby reappoint T. H. Pearne, V. F. Brown, F. G. Mitchell, and H. D. Ketcham a Commission to co-operate with the trustees in making said transfer.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

This school for half a century has been the pride and inspiration of Ohio Methodism. The growth of this noble institution in recent years, in the character of the work done as well as in its financial resources, has been phenomenal. The curriculum has been steadily advanced till the courses of study will compare favorably with the very best universities of America. In requirements for entrance, the Ohio Wesleyan University is equal to the best in the land. In scholastic equipment, throughout the course, no fault can be found; but rather unqualified praise for the advancing standard of the institution. We note with pleasure the splendid conduct of the university in all lines of its operation, and especially commend the magnificent presidency of Dr. J. W. Bashford, who for the past eleven years has guided the college in unchecked prosperity. The enrollment for last year was 1,316, which is the largest in the history of the college. The religious census, taken in January, showed that four out of every five of the students were professing Christians. During the revival that occurred after this census, this ratio was greatly increased. One hundred and fifty-eight degrees were conferred last June, which is the largest number ever given in one year. Three new professors have been elected during the year as follows, viz.: William E. Smyser, Professor of English Language and Literature, who received his post-graduate training at Johns Hopkins University and Chicago University; Lewis G. Westgate, Ph. D., Professor of Geology, who took his post-graduate work at Harvard University; Rollin H. Walker, Ph. D., Professor of the English Bible, who took his post-graduate work at Boston University, Chicago University, and the University of Edinburgh.

Gifts, annuities, wills, and bequests placed to the credit of the university since September, 1899, aggregate more than a quarter of a million of dollars.

The policy of administration is based not on the military ideal, but solely on the family ideal, and stands squarely for a liberal education as distinguished from a mere utilitarian idea of education. The university stands for character first, and second for the highest ideals of scholarship.

We recommend the setting apart for it the entire educational collection for the coming year, except the Children's-day Fund.

We believe that through wills, bequests, money given on annuities, and direct gifts, the university ought to receive, and that she will secure, \$1,000,000 by the close of 1901. We pledge ourselves to co-operate with the other patronizing Conferences toward securing this amount.

We recommend the appointment of the following Visitors: Albert C. Turrell and F. M. Clemans; alternate, G. L. Tufts.

We recommend for Conference Trustees: For full term, to succeed himself, Richard Dymond; for vacancy caused by resignation of James N. Gamble, Robert W. Burns.

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS.

The Church is to be congratulated on her schools of the prophets. They are the peers of any in our country. Boston, Drew, and Garrett are monumental proofs that Methodism believes in an educated ministry. We rejoice in the growth of each of these—Boston with 182 students, and 206 at Drew, the largest attendance of any theological school in the North. We also congratulate Drew on the completion of the new Administration Building and chapel. We desire that those who give our young ministers their special training shall continue to be leaders in their several departments of scholarship. But we hold, as Methodism has always held, that evangelization is the great work of the Church, and spiritual qualification the chief need of its ministry. We commend the effort to broaden the work of instruction in the newer fields of sociology, practical Christianity, the English Bible, and missionary problems. We recommend all candidates for our ministry to attend one of our theological schools, and that these institutions should receive the moral and financial support of the entire Church. We recommend the following-named Visitors and Alternates: Boston School of Theology—Visitors, J. W. Peters, George V. Morris; Alternate, J. W. Magruder. Drew Theological Seminary—Visitors, C. E. Schenk, C. W. Barnes; Alternate, C. M. Van Pelt. Garrett Biblical Institute—Visitors, M. E. Ketcham, V. F. Brown; Alternate, F. G. Mitchell.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education is earnestly striving in every way to promote the great interests intrusted to its care. We are gratified to report that most of our Church institutions are in a prosperous condition, and doing excellent work. The measures adopted by the University Senate, and approved by the Board of Education, have been most salutary, raising the scholastic standard and increasing the efficiency of all our colleges.

The Children's-day Fund in 1899 aided 1,843 students in 127 schools. We call especial attention to the Children's-day exercises prepared by our Board of Education, as being superior for Methodist Episcopal Sunday-schools to those likely to be obtained elsewhere.

Within the past year the Board has aided twenty-two students from within the bounds of our own Conference to the amount of \$986. Our Conference contributed last year the sum of \$1,062.

We urge all our pastors and people to be on the alert for new scholars for our educational institutions, giving them preference over

undenominational schools. Justice to our youth admonishes us to use every precaution in these days when skepticism and irreligion sit even in high places.

We hereby express the high appreciation and esteem in which our Conference holds W. F. McDowell, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, believing him to possess the intellectual, moral, and spiritual qualities of real leadership, and that he will receive the enthusiastic co-operation of the Conference in behalf of his Society, and we assure him a hearty welcome to our Conference.

THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

In the Woman's College of Baltimore, Methodism possesses what President Eliot, of Harvard, calls "the best equipped college for women in the United States." Its large and modern halls of instruction and administration, its college homes for resident students carefully built after comparison with the best institutions in the land, its well-furnished gymnasium, its commodious chapel, its studios and laboratories and collections, its large and carefully-selected Faculty, its many courses of study, its endowments and scholarships and fellowships, the high standard of work required of its students, the lofty Christian ideals maintained by its trustees and teachers, the moderate cost at which its superior advantages are offered, all commend it to the most hearty support of those who wish to secure for the young women of to-day the best possible education that the age can afford.

We recommend the appointment, as Visitors, of J. F. Marlay and G. W. Dubois; Alternate, C. W. Gullette.

CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

We recommend the following officers: President, H. A. M. Henderson; Vice-President, J. P. Porter; Secretary, A. B. Austin; Treasurer, E. W. Mullikin; additional members, W. R. Warnock, James M. DeCamp, Theodore F. Spear, James N. Gamble.

SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AND FEMALE COLLEGE.

The trustees report to the Conference, through their president, Robert Johnson, that they have carried out the instructions given by the Conference at its last session. In pursuance thereof, they transferred to Rev. A. J. Lyon, treasurer of the Ohio Wesleyan University, the proceeds of the McFadden bequest, amounting in cash and notes to about \$6,300, and the receipt of said treasurer is inclosed. They also executed a deed to the trustees of the High Street Methodist Episcopal Church for that part of the realty next to the church, facing on East High Street thirty-six feet, for Church purposes. They also executed a deed to the trustees of the Springfield Seminary for that remainder of the realty facing one hundred feet on East High Street, thus disposing of all the property, and completely closing up the business of the Board of Trustees of the Springfield High School and Female College. The deed to the Springfield Seminary contains a reversionary clause providing that, in the failure to sustain such a school as is required by the charter, the property shall revert to the Cincinnati Annual Conference. In that event, a new Board of Trustees may be appointed, if necessary, and we recommend that the present Board of Trustees be now released from office, with the thanks of the Conference for their faithful and efficient service.

We recommend that the receipt of Treasurer A. J. Lyon, of the Ohio Wesleyan University, be placed in the custody of the Secretary of this Conference.

HILLSBORO COLLEGE.

In the matter of the endowment fund of said college, we recommend that the matter be referred to the Board of Trustees, and that the Commission is hereby directed to co-operate with said Board of Trustees in reaching the wisest possible adjustment of the whole matter.

We further recommend the trustees and instruct the Commission, in making the final disposition of the endowment funds of said college, to carefully consider the contribution of \$5,400 made by the Conference to the payment of the college debt and our claims in equity on the assets of said institution after disposing of the realty as already provided for.

CHARLES L. CONGER, *Secretary.*

Geo. W. DUBOIS, *Chairman.*

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

It is with great pleasure that we record our appreciation of the many helpful influences exercised by that arm of power, the Epworth League, in the interest of the material and spiritual interests of our Methodism.

It has brought a new fire and enthusiasm into the devotional life of our Churches. It has maintained and increased the attendance upon our regular preaching services. It has received the co-operation and help of many, who without it would have continued indifferent. It has, by its sweet and sunny ministries, brought good cheer and a bright outlook to the sick and aged. It has aided in the promotion and consummation of benevolent enterprises. It has loyally stood by pastors and Official Boards in the building and improvement of church property. In short, it has proven itself as providential and indispensable to the Church, addressing itself to the tremendous religious activities of this aggressive and busy age.

But to the end that the Church may reap a yet greater harvest of blessing as the result of the League, and that the League itself may more fully realize and fulfill its high and divine mission, we would recommend:

1. That the League emphasize more and more the importance of regular attendance upon the various religious exercises of the Church; not the League prayer-meeting only, but also the midweek prayer-meeting and the Sunday morning and evening preaching services.

2. That the pastors and officers of the League be urged to give especial attention to the children of the Church, and, if possible, form them into Junior Epworth Leagues, where such organizations do not exist, instructing, training, leading them, so that they may early find the life of God, and thus be fitted to augment the conquering hosts of the Church of Christ.

3. That the pastors make every effort to secure the active, aggressive co-operation of the League in the evangelistic and revival work of the Church, thus aiding the "Twentieth-century Forward Movement," that is now so intensely desired and earnestly sought for.

4. That we more persistently endeavor to secure a wider circulation and reading of that able and inspiring exponent of the spirit and life of Methodism and religion, the *Epworth Herald*, and a greater interest in the Epworth League Reading Course.

JOHN E. BEERY, *Secretary.*

G. ROUGHTON,
J. E. ABRAMS,

CHAS. H. HAINES, *Chairman,*

HEBER D. KETCHAM,
E. H. CHERINGTON.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

THE education and evangelization of the Freedmen and illiterate whites is a duty of patriotism, as much as a responsibility of religion. Ignorance is the chief foe to free institutions. It confounds license with liberty, and runs into violent excesses that mock at the sanctities of religion, invade the privacy of the Home, menacing its security, and defies the iron-nerved arm of civil law. Ignorance and vice provide material for the political markets. Men who can not read their ballot, debauched and enslaved by drink and distressed by penury, are bought and sold like sheep in the shambles. The freedom-loving, after having broken the chains of the slaves, sealed their freedom with the franchise of the polls. "An uneducated ballot is the winding sheet of Liberty," was the proverb made portable as the wisdom of many by the most gifted of the Abolition apostles. Wendell Phillips, Horace Mann—the Arnold of America—declared it to be "the urn of fate." Eight millions of Negroes—double the number originally enfranchised—now wield this weapon of the popular will. The intelligent South welcomes the men and money of the philanthropic and patriotic North when they come to enlighten and regenerate. If we are in the South merely to win reprisals to swell the splendid cheat of an arithmetical census; if we are there to muster recruits for a political party; if we are there to set the Negroes counter to the whites; then we deserve the frown that might darken the brow of the indignant Southerners. Let it be known that our errand is one of peace, of mercy, of elevation, and the sunshine of approval will transfigure the frown into a smile. We welcome W. P. Thirkield, one of the co-ordinate secretaryships of the Society. Long and discreet residence at Atlanta has secured the grateful confidence of the colored people and the welcoming admiration of the whites. He will encounter no prejudice or passion. He holds the key to hearts and homes. He will, with discreet words from gracious lips, prove himself a true evangel of intelligence and virtue, of patriotism and piety. He will not scold and storm, but shine and succor. He will woo and win; with the message of good-will he will bear a brotherliness, born of the spirit of love, that will cement black and white in a common concern for country and Church. We also commend the wise words and cautious care of Dr. Mason, which have already secured for him the hospitality of both races in the South.

Of the amount apportioned our Conference, less than fifty per cent was raised. Could this Conference raise its full apportionment, a great burden would be lifted and much needful work resumed. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we will endeavor this year to raise the amount expected of this, the natal Conference, thus giving example to other Conferences.

Resolved, That we protest against all attempts to repress the constitutional right of the colored voter, and call upon those invested with authority to protect the lives and liberty of the colored people, whether outrages upon them be committed in Ohio or Texas, Akron or Austin.

HOWARD HENDERSON, *Secretary.*

J. A. STORY, *Chairman.*

MISSIONS.

THE missionary enterprise is God's great thought. He who gave his beloved Son to die for the sins of the world, can not but have for his supreme thought the spreading of the "glad tidings of salvation" until the heathen shall indeed become the inheritance of our Christ. If the

missionary work is God's great thought, it must necessarily be the Church's great work, and commensurate with the greatness of our task must be our responsibility and our obligations to God and to the unsaved world. Though we have been slow to understand God's will and wishes, we are glad he ever placed before us an open door, and, taking our hand in his, as the father takes the hand of his child, hath led us in a way we knew not of into fields that were strange to us. Looking over the past, considering the present, and anticipating the future, we are led—

1. To render unto God our hearty thanksgivings for the great success we have already achieved; for the multitude of faithful men and women who have willingly, gladly, left fathers and mothers, houses and lands, and have gone into mission-fields, home and foreign, to proclaim the "blessed gospel of the Son of God;" for the great victories achieved in our mission-fields; for the many souls who have joyfully received the "glad tidings," and have been made to rejoice in the consciousness of a personal Savior.

2. We heartily approve our present plan of organization for missionary work, and earnestly recommend that the Presiding Elders see to it that the districts are thoroughly organized for aggressive work, in order to meet the demands that are upon us.

3. This branch of our work has been of rapid development; but this very fact compels us to recognize the fact that we must have increased and increasing resources, both in men and money. God has wonderfully blessed us, and he has done so in order that we may be a blessing unto others. If our growing needs are to be met, there must be a more thorough and systematic operation of our methods for raising the necessary funds. This, in turn, necessitates a more thorough organization of the Sabbath-schools, Epworth Leagues, pastoral charges, and districts. We recommend:

4. That pastors be requested to preach on the subject of missions, not simply one time each year, but as often as they may find it practicable, and that pastoral charges be requested to observe the Monthly Missionary Concert and Day of Prayer for Missions.

5. That pastors make special efforts to circulate missionary literature, that the people may the better know what God is accomplishing through our great Missionary Societies, and be led more and more to feel their obligations to support them.

6. Our missionaries in foreign lands, especially those in China, are deserving of our deepest sympathies and most earnest prayers, while our hearts are full of gratitude to Almighty God for the preservation of the lives of those who were recently in such great peril, and we pray that God, cut off what seems to us so sad an event, will bring the salvation of China.

7. With saddened hearts and tenderest sympathies we note the condition of famine-stricken India. We are indeed grateful to God that he hath put it into the hearts of our people to contribute so liberally to the relief of those in such destitute conditions, and earnestly recommend that we stay not our hand, nor close our purse, nor yet cease to make our prayers to God in their behalf, until all are fed and clothed and saved. In their necessity, God has given us a wonderful opportunity.

8. We heartily approve of the Twentieth-century Thank-offering Movement, and earnestly urge our pastors to see to it that the Missionary Society, the greatest of all benevolences, receives at least its just share of the sum thus raised. By so doing, the coming Conference year, marking the close of the nineteenth and the beginning of the twentieth century, will be the greatest year we have ever had in the work of missions at home and abroad. Certainly it should be so; for while we have done much, we have come far short of doing our whole duty.

9. We also urge our pastors to call attention of their people to the "Expansion Army" plan, as contained in the September number of

World-Wide Missions, for the evangelization of Porto Rico and the Philippines. In the providence of God these islands have been thrust upon us, and whatever the civil power may do, the Church dares not to refuse them the "Bread of Life."

10. We receive the official visit of Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D., our Missionary Secretary, with great pleasure. We are grateful to God for the restoration of his health. We congratulate the Church at large on his re-election by the General Conference to his important office, and our own Conference on the great honor conferred upon a member of this body, and we will earnestly pray for the preservation of his health and Divine guidance in his great work.

11. That we request the District Missionary Secretaries to place themselves at the disposal of Epworth Leagues and pastors for sermons and addresses during the year.

CONCLUSION.—Great victories have been achieved; but greater victories are to be ours. Out of the present condition in China we believe God will bring a glorious victory for his Church and gospel. The foreword of the coming revival is being telegraphed from the Throne to many hearts. We are assured that a season of refreshing is coming. This may be God's time, when "a nation may be born" into the kingdom of God "in a day." With a shout of victory on our lips, let us send forth our missionaries to the unsaved everywhere, with a faith in their hearts that means triumphant victory. Our lives will be the richer, and our work at home more prosperous; nations will the sooner be won to Christ, and the heavens will the sooner be opened, and the whole earth filled with the glory of our Lord and his Christ.

J. D. DARLING, *Secretary.*

C. H. HAINES, *Chairman.*

J. L. SHIVELY.

PARSONAGES.

THERE are few subjects considered by the Conference in which the ministers personally are more intimately interested, than that of parsonages. We live in them, and existence is brightened or shaded by their character.

We congratulate the Conference—

1. Upon the high standard reached and maintained in the number and excellence of its parsonages.

2. Upon the record of the past year, in the building, improving, and furnishing parsonages, as noted in the reports of the Presiding Elders.

We recommend that the members of the Conference, and especially the Presiding Elders, do all in their power—

1. To interest the people of the different stations and circuits in providing suitable and comfortable homes for the pastors and their families where they are needed.

2. To awaken the conscience of the members on the subject of furnishing. When the laity fully understand the inconvenience, loss, and breakage occasioned by the frequent packing and moving of heavy furniture, they will gladly make provision for the heavy furniture in all our parsonages.

3. To secure the planting of proper fruit-trees and vines for the benefit of future occupants, especially in the rural districts.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE V. MORRIS, *Secretary.*

J. M. SHULTZ, *Chairman.*

D. W. C. WASHBURN, W. D. ENGLISH,

C. L. CHAPMAN, E. McHUGH,

D. A. MCCOLM, W. A. WIANT,

J. W. PATTON,

PERIODICALS AND BOOK CONCERN ACCOUNTS.

THE great publishing interests of our Church are of especial utility and interest to our ministers. Their great product of religious literature for Sunday-school, home, and pastor's study is a supplemental power for good to all our work.

The dividend to the Annual Conferences for the Conference claimants this year has been \$75,000.

The more we circulate our periodicals and books, the more are we building up in religious character and life our large constituency of Church members; and the more we increase our sales, the more are we putting into that stream whose current refreshes the wornout and needy preachers.

The visible wealth of the Church, as seen in our great publishing plants, is tangible evidence of our resources, of which we may well be proud. They are equal to the best in the world.

Millions of pages of pure religious literature are annually sent out. The one new press of the *Epworth Herald* rolls off ninety complete copies of the paper per minute, fifty-four thousand per day of ten hours, or in round numbers one hundred and thirty thousand in twenty-four hours. This publishing interest is a great tree of life with its twelve manner of fruits, and its leaves are for the healing of the nations.

The aggregate assets of our Eastern and Western Book Concerns are \$3,627,733 over and above all liabilities. The proceeds from the sale of books and periodicals the past year were, from New York, \$884,904, Western, \$1,065,935, making a total of \$1,950,839. There is a falling off in sales of books and periodicals for the past year of \$22,422, as compared with the preceding year.

The Western Book Concern is in the bounds of our Conference, thereby giving us special reason and obligation to be interested in its welfare and prosperity.

We rejoice in the selection by the General Conference of Dr. Levi Gilbert as the editor of the *Western*. He wields the pen of a ready writer, whose style imparts to the paper a literary finish of high order. We are pleased with the plan, as outlined by the Editor in his address to the Conference, for the contents of the paper, and we pray that the Holy Spirit may aid him in carrying out such plans, to the end that he may make of the paper a distinctively religious publication, which shall be the bread of life to hungry souls. We hope and urge that a considerable space will be appropriated for the publication of local news from the Churches within its circulation.

We specially commend the *Western Christian Advocate*, the *Epworth Herald*, the *Quarterly Review*, and our Sunday-school publications to all our people, and hope for largely-increased subscription-lists.

We recommend that our Book Concern give very close attention to prompt collecting of accounts, that credit be for a short time, and that settlements be frequent.

We note with satisfaction that, in harmony with our action a year ago recommending the cutting off of official papers, that the General Conference reduced the number of those not paying expenses, and we trust under the new arrangement a surplus will result where a deficiency existed.

W. H. WEHRLY, *President.*

E. T. WELLS, *Secretary.*

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

To the Members of the Cincinnati Conference:

For the first time in the memory of this Publishing Committee, the report is offered in open Conference, instead of asking leave to print. The following items are worthy of your attention:

1. The reduced edition. Instead of printing the usual number of Minutes, 3,000, the tardiness of the subscriptions compelled us not to venture beyond 2,850 copies. This issue was exhausted before belated applicants were supplied. Moral: Subscribe for Minutes early.

2. We are preparing this year to issue the Minutes within ten days from the date of adjournment of the Conference. On this account they ought to sell much more readily. Moral: Subscribe for the Minutes generously.

3. The following is the financial exhibit to August 1, 1900:

A.

RECEIPTS:

From John Pearson, Treasurer,	\$392 26
From Conference Stewards,	5 00
From Conference Treasurer (fractions),	17 73
From Conference Collection,	21 41
From Sale of Minutes,	121 50
From Advertisements,	137 85
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Total,	\$695 75

EXPENDITURES:

For Printing and Publishing,	\$405 46
For Conference expenses,	57 30
For Publishing Committee's expenses,	41 11
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Total,	503 87
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Balance on hand,	\$191 88

B.

ASSETS:

Cash in hand,	\$191 88
Due from Preachers for Minutes, 1899,	134 34
Due from Advertisements,	32 00
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Total,	\$358 22

LIABILITIES: None.

C.

Minutes of 1899.

RECEIPTS:

From Minutes sold,	\$255 84
From Advertisements,	169 85
From Conference Stewards,	5 00
From Conference Treasurer,	17 73
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Total,	\$448 42
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EXPENSES:

Curts & Jennings,	\$405 46
Expenses of Publishing Committee,	41 11
 Total,	\$446 57
 Net profits,	\$1 85

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Assets last year,	\$392 26
Assets this year,	\$358 22
Deficiency in Conference expenses,	35 89
Balance profit Minutes, 1899,	1 85
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4. Wrapped up in these figures are several morals. They show that the Minutes of 1899 paid for themselves, with a very slight margin. They also show the wrong of invading publishing funds for Conference expenses. The third lesson they teach is, that a majority of the preachers are slow in paying for their Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

S. O. ROYAL, *Chairman and Treasurer.*

D. L. AULTMAN, *Secretary.*

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1. To sojourn for a week in this historic city, the birthplace of the Crusade and the scene of so many thrilling events, has been at once a pleasure and an inspiration.

2. We have greatly enjoyed the second visit to our Conference of Bishop H. W. Warren. His unfailing courtesy, wise and judicious rulings, luminous addresses, and apostolic preaching have alike impressed us. We congratulate ourselves upon his coming, and will pray the Great Head of the Church long to preserve his life and usefulness.

3. We tender our earnest thanks to Rev. Marion LeSourd, the pastor of Hillsboro Methodist Episcopal Church, and to his efficient Board of Trustees, for the use of their commodious edifice, and for many courtesies that have greatly added to the enjoyment of our Conference session.

4. We also recognize the courtesy of other Churches of this city, and tender our thanks to their pastors and trustees for invitations to occupy their pulpits on the Sabbath.

5. That the thanks of this Conference are due to Mr. C. S. Bell, proprietor, and Mr. Frank Ayers, manager, of the opera-house, for its use for the anniversary of the Conference Temperance Society.

6. We have recognized the talent of the choir, the musical club, and special singers who have favored us with music, and have especially appreciated the attendance of the choir at so many of our services, and the full and excellent musical programs rendered.

7. We have observed with pleasure the appropriate repairs and tasteful floral decorations by which the church has been made beautiful for our occupancy.

8. The arrangement of a program, including the addresses for the opening of our sessions, meets our hearty approval, and the increased attendance at these early services elicits our sincere thanksgiving.

9. We can not overestimate our satisfaction in renewing former acquaintances and in forming new ones in the homes where we have been accorded a generous hospitality. We will long remember the multiplied attentions which have rendered so pleasant this visit to the Hill City of our Conference. May the blessing of God abide when our session is a thing of the past!

W. M. PATTON, *President.*

R. K. DEEM, *Secretary.*

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

IN reviewing last year's work in behalf of Sabbath observance, we have great encouragement for more and stronger efforts in this direction. Evidently a revival of obedience to this sacred law is progressing in our country. This is indicated by the increased study of the subject by the members of our congregations, by the multiplication of societies and literature in its interest, by an intelligent and persistent determination to protect all classes in the enjoyment of their needed weekly rest, and by the expressed convictions of the American people against the opening of the American buildings at the Paris World's Fair on God's day.

Notwithstanding these favorable symptoms, we have reason for anxiety, prayer, and work. The opponents of Sabbath observance are numerous and bold, and are mostly imported. With them are the venal politicians, who are painfully ambitious to sacrifice the welfare and eternal good of others to promote their own interests. Added to these is the influence of Romanism, in whose pale are over two hundred thousand dealers in intoxicating drinks. Confederate with all are mammoth syndicates animated by the love of dividends, who are conspicuously willing to impair the honor, the safety, and the real prosperity of the Nation.

By way of defining our position on the question of Sabbath-keeping, and giving words of inspiration to all concerned, we hereby reaffirm our belief in the Fourth Commandment as Divine and salutary, intended for all time, and the motives as strongly binding as ever. We will, by our personal example, avoid whatever hinders its keeping, and frequently instruct our flocks concerning it. We will urge against any legislation that will weaken the hold of the Sabbath. In the Sunday newspapers we recognize a most insidious and dangerous enemy of the Sabbath and the morality of the Nation. We hail with joy the Sunday League of America, the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance, the American Sabbath Union, and all other organizations that aim to awaken the public conscience and develop correct sentiment by using oral and printed methods of work. We are profoundly thankful for the successful results of our Sunday-schools, Epworth Leagues, and all Young People's Societies, in increasing a high regard for the holy Sabbath.

F. C. ENGLISH, *Secretary.*

H. W. BAILEY, *President.*

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

THE Church of Christ confronts new conditions. Science challenges certain constructions of the Bible, on the ground that they are in conflict with demonstrated facts. The Church must examine the ground upon which these arrested assertions stand, and adjust them, if needs be, to truth. Every fresh cosmical fact demands a construction of the Word of God in correspondence with it. Nothing need be feared that can not

be denied. A change of base is not a surrender. It is a readjustment of lines for better attack or defense. Critical schools and carping censorship must be met with scholastic training capable of meeting cavil with silencing truth. *Ex-cathedra* anathema, in this age, will not down the specter of skepticism. Ecclesiastical authority will not silence objections raised by respectable scholarship. The Church should be concerned to know absolute truth, not to maintain old traditions merely because they are hoary with age. But superficial learning should not attempt to float fleets of heavier draught than the depths of pulpit knowledge will permit. The preacher of righteousness will find enough plain truth in the Bible to engage his powers. Let the encyclopedias and the Quarterly Reviews manage the difficulties of doubt. The pulpit is not an arena for mental athletics—for gymnastic exercises that profit little. The pulpit is a throne for the proclamation of sovereign commands. The preacher is a proclaimier, not a philosopher. "Preach the Word." The Church must not entangle itself with political parties. It is concerned with the question of territorial expansion only as it opens doors of opportunity for missionary entrance and effort. Wherever the flag of the free floats, the standard of the Cross should be unrolled. Wherever the war-bugle sounds its rallies, the trumpet of the gospel must break on the breeze.

Partisan temperance may be encouraged and supported by Christian men; but the Church, as such, should not be seduced into alliance with its caucuses or candidates. The office of the Church is to make principles, and leave their application to affairs and institutions to the constraints of Christian conscience.

And so with reference to all political and social problems. The Church should deal with the underlying principles, and trust to the intelligence of the citizen to trace them to the Car of Progress. The Church should be concerned for new acquisitions, but not as prodded by the greed of gain. The competition with sister denominations should be an emulation as to who can best work and agree. We should not, from the mere lust of acquisition and pride of statistics, contend for territorial possessions and numerical strength, when a kindred Methodist organization can do it better. We hail with fraternal delight the increasing disposition of the two great co-ordinate branches of Episcopal Methodism to federate, and to sink minor differences and prejudices, born of a stormy past, in a common fraternity. We indulge the hope soon to see the binary Methodist stars blend, the differing colors dissolving into the white beam of organic unity.

The Church should know that friendship to the world is enmity with God. "Whosoever, therefore, will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." (James iv, 4.) Oil and water will not mix. Gerizim and Ebal will not wheel on to each other's base, nor sink their summits in the plain. Christ and Belial will not accord. The superior affection will expel the inferior. "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

If unconverted men are to rule in the councils of the Church, and committees composed of worldly members to fill our pulpits with preachers of their selection, then "Ichabod" is written on the towers of Zion. With a marionette in the pulpit, with sinners in the choir, with bloated bosses in the pew, how long can such a Church last? We shall never have the sun-bright, sky-blue conversions that made our altars ring with the shouts of new-born and rejoicing hearts until we cut the cable that anchors the old Ship of Zion in the mud. Rowing with the anchor dragging will blister the oarsman's hands, but will not shoot the bark a length forward. Scrape the barnacles from the hull, break the adulterous union that chains the capstan to the world,

"Nail to the mast her holy flag,
Set every threadbare sail,
And give her to the God of storms,
The lightning, and the gale."

The Church of the Twentieth-century Forward Movement must recall the recreant to fidelity to their vows, and the apostles must heed, or a dire inertia will glue our Methodism to the earth.

The theory which converts without a change of heart, liberal enough to let the untoward do as they please for the safety of their names and shekels, which, rather than be esteemed uncharitable, relaxes the rules of purity and self-sacrifice, must be routed and banished. While Achan's wedge of stolen gold and the outlandish Babylonian garment remain in the camp, naught but disaster can wait on Israel's army.

Purged of all that sullies the Church's reputation, let us exalt her red-cross flag, and march onward. An altar full of penitents mourning over their sins and beseeching salvation will cluster about them the seraphs of heaven in jubilant concert, and "pour the elixir of a new life along the withered arteries of even a lukewarm membership." The gospel that quickens, warms, makes alive, thaws the winter in the heart, and makes a glorious summer, is epitomized in the formula of the fathers: "Repent, or you will perish; believe, or you will be damned!" They taught the dependence of all saints and sinners on the Holy Ghost. To them no congregation was great in which the Spirit was absent. The Spirit alone can unseal the Book, illumine the letter, wing the arrow, persuade the stubborn will, and give victory over sin and Satan. Revive the old, convincing, conquering truth, and religion of the Pentecostal type will reappear. The Corinthian spirit of contest over ministers will be rebuked, Churches will receive those who come in the name of the Lord, the rod of God will not drop for lack of support but will be exalted, Amalek will be routed, and victory light the standard of Israel.

HOWARD HENDERSON, *Secretary.* A. L. HAMILTON, *Chairman.*

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

1. We recognize in the Sunday-school one of the most important factors in the religious and educational life, not only of our own age, but of the age to come. The Sunday-school population in the United States is more than twelve millions. The Methodist Episcopal Church reports over thirty-one thousand Sunday-schools, with 350,000 officers and teachers, and more than 2,600,000 scholars.

2. Since the education of the young in religion is of highest importance, great care should be exercised in the selection of teachers. The pastor and the superintendent should mutually aid each other in this work. We hope that the time is not far distant when every teacher in our Sunday-schools will be a professed follower of Christ.

3. We believe that the literature for our Sunday-schools supplied by the Methodist Episcopal Church, and published by our Book Concern, is the best for the purpose that can be obtained. We urge our pastors to see that our literature is used in the Sunday-schools.

4. We recommend that wherever practicable the Home Department be established in connection with our Sunday-schools.

5. As accuracy is very important in the statistical returns of our Sunday-schools, we recommend that every pastor make a complete and careful report of the items named in what is known in the Discipline as "Statistics No. II," in order that our Conference may be properly represented in the statistical tables of the Report of the Sunday-school Union of our Church.

6. Inasmuch as the Sunday-school Union of our Church aids every year about thirty-five hundred needy schools with literature, and has no resources except collections in the Churches, we urge that an offering be given for this cause in all our charges.

A. G. NEWTON, *Secretary.*

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J. F. LAIRD, *President.*

TEMPERANCE.

THE Committee on Temperance of the Cincinnati Conference believe that we can best promote the cause of temperance and the prohibition of the liquor-traffic throughout the country by the unanimous reaffirmation of the action of our General Conference, taken in Chicago, in May, 1900. Therefore we recommend the following, with such additions as our local conditions make necessary:

Notwithstanding the magnitude of the evil of intemperance, the tremendous social, financial, and political power of the saloon, and the astounding indifference of many good citizens who ought to be aroused to activity against its encroachments, we are still firm in the belief that an awakened and aggressive Church can and should, under Divine guidance, deal the liquor-traffic, "the sum of all villainies," its death-blow. In the language of the Episcopal Address we declare that the Methodist Episcopal Church must continue "to war upon the whole system from its beginning to its horrible consummation."

We are neither appalled nor dismayed, but in the name of the Master we call upon every member of our Church to put forth increasing and persistent effort to accomplish the overthrow of this mighty agency of evil, the legalized liquor-traffic, a business that debases all who come beneath its baleful sway, while it brings indescribable wretchedness to thousands of innocent sufferers.

1. Personal Abstinence.—We insist that total abstinence from all intoxicating beverages is the plain duty of every individual, and an obligation which rests with peculiar weight upon every Christian.

2. Other Organizations.—We rejoice in the existence of those organizations that are committed to the principle of total abstinence and those that are seeking to secure the legal prohibition of the liquor-traffic. We commend especially the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which sprang out of the heroic conduct of the noble women of Hillsboro, Ohio. We also heartily indorse the work of Rev. F. M. Clemans as agent of the Cincinnati Conference of the Ohio Anti-saloon League. We recommend that at the first Quarterly Conference held in each pastoral charge a Committee be appointed to represent said charge in co-operating with the Ohio Anti-saloon League in an effort to secure the passage by the next General Assembly of the Clark Local-option Bill or a similar measure, and that the names of said Committee be sent to Rev. P. A. Baker, Columbus, Ohio. We commend to the kindly and favorable consideration of our people the various organizations that are earnestly and courageously striving to secure such beneficent results.

3. Attitude toward the Traffic.—We are more firmly convinced than ever of the truth and the force of that vigorous declaration of the Episcopal Address of 1888, "It can never be legalized without sin." Planting ourselves upon the bed-rock of that solid proposition, we declare that no citizen and no Christian has a right by example, by voice, by influence, or by his ballot, to contribute to the establishment or to the maintenance of the ungodly license policy as applied to the liquor-traffic.

We are unalterably opposed to the enactment of license laws, because such laws are wrong in principle and ineffectual as a means of restraint. We will not be content with any system of levying tribute upon this corrupt traffic. We demand its entire destruction, and to the accomplishment of this result we pledge our best endeavor.

The Church of God should be always and everywhere the courageous, hopeful, and unflinching foe of this enemy of all things pure and good. and should continue its warfare until, like the crime of slavery, the saloon has become a thing of the past.

4. Government and the Traffic.—We deplore the fact that our Gen-

eral Government, by its internal revenue system, continues to give legal recognition to so corrupt a business, and especially do we condemn the course of the Government in accepting and collecting revenue from persons in prohibition towns or States who are known by the officers of the Treasury Department to be engaged in the violation of prohibitory law.

We commend as worthy our unstinted praise the Act of Congress in prohibiting the sale of intoxicating beverages at army posts and in forts, camps, and reservations used for military purposes. We record with gratitude our appreciation of the act of Secretary John D. Long, of the navy, in banishing the sale of intoxicants from our war-vessels and navy-yards.

We deeply regret that after the enactment of a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating beverages at army posts and in forts, camps, reservations, and National Soldiers' Homes used for military purposes, a law, plainly intended to effect this result, and so understood by its friends and foes in and out of Congress, and by the Chief Magistrate who signed it, by a construction, it seems to us, forced and unnatural, placed upon the law by the Attorney-General, its plain intent was defeated, and the Government of the United States, amid the exultation of all sympathizers with the liquor-traffic, resumed the practice of selling intoxicating liquors to its soldiers; we are gratified that the House Committee on Military Affairs favorably reported a bill so explicit in its terms that no antagonism to its object can obscure its meaning.

We earnestly appeal to the President of the United States to use his powerful influence to promote its adoption, and to our ministers and members to urge by petition and personal letters to their representatives in the next House and Senate the speedy enactment of this measure of protection to our soldiers from a foe more deadly than shot or shell.

Aroused and indignant at the aggressions of the liquor power, at the inexcusable miscarriage of the Anti-canteen Law, and at the new perils in which the Nation is involving its new possessions, the Church will summon and pledge all our ministers and people to a more determined struggle against this enormous evil, and urge each to contribute thereto, according to his judgment, his testimony, his example, and his ballot.

We call upon the Administration to make use of its tremendous power in the military government of the Eastern islands that have come under our control, so that the people of those islands shall not be debauched by the introduction of the liquor-traffic among them.

5. Political Action.—Conceding that it is not the province of the Church to give affirmative direction to, or assume to control, the franchise of the citizen, it by no means follows that the Church must be silent concerning great wrongs because they have intrenched themselves in law, or have become potent in influencing and controlling political action.

One of the greatest dangers to our country's welfare is the tremendous power which the organized liquor-traffic wields in political affairs, a power so great and so promptly applied that, with rare exceptions, candidates for public office dare not speak their honest sentiments concerning that traffic, while office-holders, ambitious to secure a re-election, realize that the faithful performance of their duty in the enforcement of law against the saloon will be fatal to their hopes for promotion.

When the Christian citizen is as prompt with his political rewards and punishments as is the supporter of the saloon, the cause of civic righteousness will have made a notable advance.

Quoting and reaffirming the action of the General Conference of 1892, we "record our deliberate judgment that no political party has a right to expect, nor ought it to receive, the support of Christian men so long as it stands committed to the license policy or refuses to put itself on record in an attitude of open hostility to the saloon. But the foregoing must not be considered as in the interest of any political party."

6. Recommendations.—(a) That at each session of every Annual Conference a Conference anniversary or mass-meeting be held in the interest of temperance and prohibition.

(b) That we continue to observe in all our Churches the fourth Sunday in November as Temperance Sunday.

(c) That increased attention be given to the subject of temperance in all of our Sunday-schools, Epworth Leagues, and Junior Leagues, and that the total abstinence pledge be presented therein.

(d) That we appreciate the appointment of Dr. A. B. Leonard, of the Cincinnati Conference, as a member of the Permanent Committee on Temperance, and we pledge said Committee our hearty congratulations in their efforts for the destruction of the saloon.

(e) That by every means at our command we encourage teachers in our public schools and higher institutions of learning to give careful attention to the matter of scientific temperance instruction, as provided by the laws of most of our States.

(f) That our Church papers give more attention to the temperance reform than they have heretofore done.

(g) That ministers and members of our Church do not become nor remain members of social clubs which keep a bar or provide intoxicating liquors for the use of their members and others.

J. W. BASHFORD, *Secretary.*

EDWARD McHUGH, *Chairman.*

J. P. PORTER,

C. L. MYERS,

J. ALLEN GEISSINGER,

G. ROUGHTON,

RUFUS J. WYCKOFF,

H. W. BAILEY.

TRACT SOCIETY.

THE Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church circulates literature in at least twelve languages, and gives away annually eleven million pages of tracts in the United States alone.

During the past year it has distributed large numbers of tracts among our soldiers and sailors and in our prisons and public institutions, wherever access could be obtained, thus undoubtedly serving as a great evangelizing power. Therefore,

1. We recommend that our pastors make a more liberal use of tracts in connection with their work; and

2. We would urge that a liberal collection be taken for this Society in all our Churches.

A. L. BROKAW, *Secretary.*

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V.

Conference Studies.

a. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

FRANK G. MITCHELL,
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H. D. KETCHAM.
J. A. WHITE.
A. C. TURRELL.
A. B. AUSTIN.
M. B. FULLER.

b. ASSIGNMENT OF BOOKS AND STUDIES.

Section 1. W. A. ROBINSON.—Extemporaneous Oratory, *Buckley*; Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, *Broadus*; Essays and Syllabi, Class of Fourth Year.

Section 2. C. M. VAN PELT.—Outlines of Bible History, *Hurst*; Essays and Syllabi of Candidates for Admission.

Section 3. G. W. DUBOIS.—English and American Literature, *Beers*; Sermons and Syllabi, Class of First Year; Sermons and Syllabi, Class of Third Year.

Section 4. J. A. STORY.—Exegetical Studies in the Pentateuch, *Warren*; Exegetical Studies in Isaiah, *Warren*; The Foundations of the Christian Faith, *Rishell*; Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, *Walker*.

Section 5. J. P. PORTER.—Lessons in Logic, *Jevons*; Essentials of Argumentation, *McEwen*; Christian Purity, or, The Heritage of Faith, *Foster*; Essays and Syllabi, Class of Second Year.

Section 6. J. E. ABRAMS.—Christian Ethics, *Smyth*; The Land of Israel, *Stewart*; Plain Account of Christian Perfection, *Wesley*.

Section 7. U. G. HUMPHREY.—Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher*; Students' American History, *Montgomery*: Introduction to the Gospel Records, *Nast*.

Section 8. G. V. MORRIS.—Biblical Hermeneutics, *Terry*; One Thousand Questions on Methodism, *Wheeler*; Sermons and Essays of Local Preachers.

Section 9. W. H. WEHRLY.—Systematic Theology, *Miley*; Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience, *Merrill*; Christian Baptism, *Merrill*.

Section 10. H. D. KETCHAM.—Introduction to the Holy Scriptures, *Harman*; Smaller Scripture History, *Smith*; Theological Compend, *Binney*.

Section 11. J. A. WHITE.—English Branches; Life of John Wesley, *Telford*; Systematic Theology, *Raymond*.

Section 12. A. C. TURRELL.—Outlines of Descriptive Psychology, *Ladd*; Primer of Psychology, *Ladd*; Larger Catechism, *Nast*; Sermons of Candidates for Admission; *Syllabi of Local Preachers*.

Section 13. A. B. AUSTIN.—Introduction to Sociology, *Fairbanks*; History of the Christian Church, *Hurst*; Short History of the Christian Church, *Hurst*; History of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Vol. I, *Stevens*.

Section 14. M. B. FULLER.—Theological Encyclopedia and Methodology, *Crooks and Hurst*; Principles of Rhetoric, *Hill*; History of Methodism (abridged), *Stevens*.

Section 15. F. G. MITCHELL.—Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1900; Digest of Methodist Law (edition of 1900), *Merrill*.

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c. EXAMINATIONS.

EXAMINATIONS will be held, at places to be named by the Chairman, December 6, 1900, and June 29, 1901, and at the seat of Conference, at 9 A. M., the day before the Conference session of 1901.

Examinations in December will be in:

FIRST YEAR.—Christian Purity; or, The Heritage of Faith, *Foster*; Preparation and Delivery of Sermons (Parts 1, 2), *Broadus*; Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1900 (Parts 1-5).

SECOND YEAR.—Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher*; Preparation and Delivery of Sermons (Parts 3-5), *Broadus*; Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1900 (Part 6 to end).

THIRD YEAR.—Exegetical Studies in the Pentateuch, *Warren*; History of the Christian Church, Vol. I, *Hurst*; Written Sermon.

FOURTH YEAR.—Exegetical Studies in Isaiah, *Warren*; History of the Christian Church, Vol. II, *Hurst*; The Foundations of the Christian Faith, *Rishell*.

RULES FOR EXAMINATIONS.

1. New lists of questions shall be prepared for each regular examination, and each list shall be properly folded for filing, and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the examiner.
2. The maximum number of questions on any branch shall be twenty; the minimum, ten.
3. Each examiner shall retain one copy of his own questions.
4. At all examinations the paper used shall be of letter size and of good quality.

5. The answers given on any study shall be folded and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the student.
6. At the close of an examination, the examiner in charge shall at once send all lists of questions to the Chairman of the Board.
7. The examiner in charge shall seal each envelope containing answers to questions, address it to the proper examiner, and permit the student to stamp and mail it.
8. Each examiner shall send grades promptly to the registrar and to the student.
9. Grades recorded by the registrar shall not be changed, except with the consent of the Board.
10. No student securing a grade of 70 per cent or more shall be re-examined.
11. The examiner shall retain all papers of undergraduates until the student has completed the course.

d. CLASSES.

FOURTH YEAR, 1901.—Howard L. Torbet, . . . Member, Deacon.
Samuel A. Keen, . . . Probationer, Deacon.
THIRD YEAR, 1902.—Henry C. Hutchinson, . . Member, Deacon.
Samuel A. Stephan, . . Probationer, not ordained.
SECOND YEAR, 1903.—Charles P. Pumphrey, . . Probationer, not ordained.
FIRST YEAR, 1904.—Edward W. Lutterman, . . Probationer, Deacon.
William W. Reeves, . . Probationer, Deacon.

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VI.

Miscellany.

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES

Of the Board of Trustees of the Cincinnati Conference.

Funds invested as follows:

Little Miami Railroad Bond.....	\$1,500 00
Building and Loan Association.....	950 00
Interest-bearing Notes.....	4,500 00
Lot in Madisonville.....	70 00
Total	\$7,020 00

Interest received for the year:

On Little Miami Railroad Bond.....	\$126 00
Building and Loan Association.....	73 00
On Several Notes.....	291 50
Total	\$490 50

Paid out during the year ending August 29, 1900:

Expenses of a meeting of the Board.....	\$8 40
Paid to make up a note.....	4 00
Taxes on Madisonville lot.....	97
Traveling expenses, stationery, and stamps.....	4 20
Paid Board of Stewards.....	472 93
Total	\$490 50

J. T. BAIL, *Treasurer.*

Report audited and found correct:

J. A. STORY, A. N. SPAHR,
Auditing Committee.

J. P. PORTER, *Secretary.*

H. C. WEAKLEY, *President.*

CINCINNATI MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

August 31, 1900.

1. THE Cincinnati Missionary Society was organized for local work in the Cincinnati District. It has built, since its organization, three churches; it has assisted, by cash contributions, in the building of seven other churches; it has paid the remaining indebtedness upon five other churches; it has paid mortgage interest and contributed to pastoral support of five other churches. The Society has thus aided directly some

twenty organizations, raising and distributing the splendid sum of \$90,063.36. The floating debt of the Society has been reduced to \$2,198.86.

2. The special feature in the missionary work of the past year was the revival of the Italian Mission. This work during the previous year had been, not only badly hampered, but almost destroyed by loss of workers and enforced change of plans. The Rev. G. B. Castellini came to us in November, recommended by our resident Bishop, and immediately took charge of the work. The preaching services, prayer-meeting, Epworth League, have been fairly attended. The Italian population is scattered. Cottage prayer-meetings, held twice a week, have been well attended. There has been no success in the Sunday-school. The children have been simply terrorized. An effort to win them will be made through a day-school during the winter season. There is enough encouragement to continue the work.

3. The St. John Church, corner of Carlisle Avenue and Park Street, was discontinued as a charge by the Cincinnati Conference last year, at the request of the membership. The property, free of incumbrance, was generously transferred to this Society. It is now occupied by the Italian Mission.

4. The science of open-air evangelistic work through the Gospel Wagon is still in the first stages of development. The wagon is widely and favorably known; with good music it will quickly gather an audience of three or four hundred almost anywhere. As a seed-sower, it has done satisfactory work. It has been the desire of the Society to secure actual tangible results from it. Experience is showing the way. If all of the necessary elements can be brought to bear upon the situation at one time, it can be made a great success in tangible results.

The ministers of the district have co-operated in the work this year as never before. The Society fully appreciates their assistance and goodwill, and looks forward to a combined effort in the future that will bring better results.

Twenty-one meetings have been held. There were seventy-two requests for prayer, and thirty-four professions of conversion.

5. We give a tabulated statement of the Missions under the control of the Society:

MISSIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.			Value, . . .	Pastor's Support	Current Expense	IN CHARGE OF
	Full, .	Probation'ry	Sunday-school, .				
McMicken, . . .	55	19	130	\$1000	\$600	\$340	L. Olenslayger.
Freeman Ave., .	95	26	95	1500	600	234	W. H. Gilson.
Madison Ave., .	20	10	110	5000	600	205	I. C. Stull.
Neave St., . . .	41	34	65	.....	.....	186	Annie H. Sandidge.
Italian, . . .	14	12	10	4000	310	.....	G. B. Castellini.
	225	101					

6. The action of the General Conference upon the City Evangelization Union is recorded in the Discipline, paragraph 378, section 3, as follows: "It shall be the duty of each pastor stationed within the territory included in the charter or constitution of any such Local Union approved by the Annual Conference, to take up a collection annually for this cause, and report the amount to the Annual Conference."

In view of the fact that the Cincinnati Missionary Society is the "Local Union" of the Cincinnati District, the Constitution with the last Annual Report of the Society is herewith presented to the Conference, with the request that it approve the Society. Respectfully,

CODE OF RULES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

I. The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of seven Trustees, who shall have been members of the Cincinnati Annual Conference for at least ten years preceding their election. They shall be divided into three classes, two of them being elected at this Conference session for one year, two others for two years, and three remaining for three years, all elections hereafter to be for a term of three years, and they shall hold their office until their successors are elected. Trustees shall be elected by the Conference in open session, on the nomination of the Presiding Elders.

II. The officers of this Board shall be a President, Vice-President, a Secretary, and Treasurer, elected annually by the Board.

The President shall preside in the meetings of the Board.

The Vice-President, in the absence of the President, shall perform his duties.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes and proceedings of the Board, and a record of all donations to the Conference, by whom given, and record all reports of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys donated or bequeathed to the Conference; keep a correct account of the same in a book provided for the purpose, receipt to the person paying the same; and report in writing to the Board of Trustees at its regular meetings, and when requested by the Board or by the Finance Committee.

III. Regular meetings of this Board shall be held during the sessions of the Conference, and special meetings may be called at any time by the President and two other members.

IV. There shall be appointed annually a Finance Committee consisting of three members of the Board, whose duty it shall be, together with the Treasurer, to supervise the investment of the funds, carefully keeping each fund for the purpose given.

V. Loans of less than one thousand dollars may be made, if properly secured, by the Treasurer, with the approval of one member of the Finance Committee; but in sums of one thousand dollars to three thousand dollars, at least two members must concur; and when any larger loan is sought, the Finance Committee must meet and act upon it.

Personal security may not be accepted for loans of over five hundred dollars.

All appropriations of funds shall be made by order of the Board.

VI. The Conference at any session may change this "Code of Rules" by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

PLAN FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

THE Committee appointed to confer with Rev. J. E. Gilbert, D. D., a member of our body, and consider what arrangement, if any, can be effected by which his abilities and experience may be made available in improving the methods of religious instruction in the homes and churches of our Conference, have held the consultation as directed, and beg leave to report:

We find that in early life Dr. Gilbert was trained in educational processes; that he devoted seven years to teaching in secular schools; that he united with the Cincinnati Conference in 1871, and served in the pastorate for seventeen years thereafter in various Conferences to which

he was transferred, returning to this Conference by our invitation in 1898; that during the quarter of a century as educator and preacher he was earnestly seeking to improve the methods of Bible study and teaching for spiritual profit; that to advance this cause, so dear to his heart, he united with other scholars, in 1888, in founding the American Society of Religious Education; that for twelve years he has been the secretary of that Society, devoting his entire time traveling in all parts of the United States. These labors, extending over a period of more than thirty-five years, have been all in one direction, revealing a purpose and a talent which ought to be turned to good account in our denomination.

We find that beside his work as a Bible instructor, of which some of your Committee have personal knowledge, Dr. Gilbert has been greatly interested for several years in the care of baptized infants, in the home nurture of children, in the preparation of probationers for full connection, in the instruction of our members in the doctrines and usages of Methodism, in the culture of the spiritual nature by educational methods, and in the thorough training of Sunday-school teachers, and that he has devised plans which have been successfully employed in these interests. Believing that the introduction of such measures would result in great good to our Churches, we recommend:

1. That the following persons be a Committee on Religious Education for the coming Conference year: President, T. H. Pearne; Vice-President, J. P. Porter; Secretary, W. A. Robinson; Treasurer, D. L. Aultman, and the Presiding Elders.

2. That this Committee be authorized and directed to devise and inaugurate plans for the introduction of Dr. Gilbert's methods into our Conference, and that we pledge to said Committee our hearty support and co-operation.

3. That this Committee report its doings in full to the next session of the Cincinnati Conference, with recommendations for the future. We believe that what is herein proposed, if properly conducted, will meet a long-felt want, and that it will speedily awaken interest outside of our Conference, and possibly extend to every part of the connection. There is a general feeling that our people ought to be better instructed, and that the young ought to be nurtured with greater care. The Church needs to be solidified, indoctrinated, and disciplined.

Report No. 2.

THE Committee appointed to introduce Dr. J. E. Gilbert's work into the Conference, present for your approval the following plans for the coming year:

1. That Dr. Gilbert be invited to hold a series of Institutes of Religious Education, if possible one on each district, the times and places to be determined hereafter by this Committee.

2. That the Presiding Elders be requested to preside at these Institutes, and to co-operate with local committees in securing the attendance of pastors, local preachers, class-leaders, and other officials, Sunday-school workers, and the laity generally.

3. That in these Institutes, by means of addresses, lessons, and conversations, an effort be made to awaken interest in the subject of Bible-study, the care of baptized children, the nurture of children at home, the training of Sunday-school teachers, and the importance of the class-meeting, and to improve the methods of religious instruction in the Church and in the family.

4. That Dr. Gilbert be invited to visit the various Churches of the Conference, upon arrangement with pastors, to present his methods in detail, and to organize classes of various kinds.

5. That this Conference heartily commend this measure to all our people, and invoke God's blessing upon this attempt to advance a knowl-

edge of the Divine Word, and of the methods by which that Word may be made serviceable in building up souls in Christ.

Respectfully submitted.

THE JOHN MEARS BEQUEST.

Report of the Trustees for the year ending August 31, 1900.

FUNDS invested by the Trustees.....	\$7,748 86
Cash on hand.....	I 14
	————— \$7,750 00

Receipts:

August 31, 1900.

Cash receipts from interest on bonds and notes from September 1, 1899, to August 31, 1900..... \$555 53

Disbursements:

August 31, 1900.

Ohio Wesleyan University, per voucher on file.....	\$60 50
Illinois Wesleyan University, per voucher on file.....	60 50
Cincinnati Conference Claimants, per voucher on file	121 00
Cincinnati Ladies' Home Missionary Society, per voucher on file.....	121 00
Safety Deposit Box and Loss on Bonds called.....	45 00
	————— \$408 00

Balance on hand for distribution..... \$147 53

We certify that the above is a true statement of the account for the past year.

Respectfully,

THOMAS H. PEARNE,
JOHN PEARSON,

J. R. CLARK,

Trustees of the John Mears Bequest.

TWENTIETH-CENTURY THANK-OFFERING.

YOUR Committee on the Twentieth-century Thank-offering respectfully report the following resolutions:

1. We believe there is an intimate relation between thank-offerings and spiritual grace. These act and co-act upon each other. The history of Methodist Centennials is ample proof upon this point. The Scriptures saith, "He that watereth others, shall also himself be watered."

2. We have ample reasons as a denomination for frequent and liberal thank-offerings to the Lord. We also need a large equipment of educational and other agencies for meeting the great openings and responsibilities offered by the new century.

3. We will present the objects included by the General Thank-offering Commission of our Church to our people, and invite them during the Conference year to make contributions to said objects.

4. We request the Bishop to reappoint Rev. Dr. Pearne as Conference Secretary, and will welcome him to our churches and pulpits to present these causes to our people.

5. We will, as pastors, preach on this subject early in the year, and will seek to enlist our people on this behalf.

J. L. SHIVELY, *Secretary.*

Wm. RUNYAN, *Chairman.*

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PREACHERS' RELIEF.

RESOURCES.

Notes	\$16,718 90
Real Estate.....	33,269 49
Due from Estate of William Glenn.....	2,000 00
Due from Estate of J. F. McClung.....	200 00
Cash on hand.....	1,097 71
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	\$53,286 10

LIABILITIES.

Capital account.....	\$53,196 10
Bills payable (Mrs. William Runyan).....	90 00
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	\$53,286 10

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, September 1, 1899.....	\$1,436 04
Received on notes and accounts.....	869 00
Received on rent and interest.....	496 13
Received on membership fees.....	16 00
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Total	\$2,817 17

EXPENDITURES.

Loans on notes.....	\$300 00
Paid taxes on real estate.....	54 24
Expenses	14 00
Paid on donations.....	540 00
Settlement of claim <i>vs.</i> Theo. H. Williams, Avondale Land	811 22
Cash on hand.....	1,097 71
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Total	\$2,817 17

INCOME FUND.

Amount to credit of fund, September 1, 1899.....	\$706 83
Receipts during year 1900.....	497 13
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	\$1,203 96

DISBURSEMENTS.

Donations	\$540 00
Expense	14 00
Taxes paid.....	54 24
Balance in fund, September 1, 1900.....	595 72
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	\$1,203 96

ANALYSIS OF INCOME ACCOUNT.

Thomas Collett, late Treasurer, 1899.

Receipts	\$1,549 64
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Donations	\$647 00
Expense	181 45
Taxes paid.....	14 36
Balance in fund, September 1, 1899.....	706 83
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	\$1,549 64

H. C. WEAKLEY, *Treasurer.*

Report of the Commission on the Hillsboro College. 123

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The undersigned having carefully examined the books and accounts of Rev. H. C. Weakley, Treasurer of Preachers' Relief Society of the Cincinnati Conference, and having examined notes, deeds, mortgages, letters with inclosures and vouchers, and compared the same with the books and minutes of the Secretary, find the same correct in every respect.

R. K. DEEM,
J. P. PORTER.

HILLSBORO, OHIO, *August 29, 1900.*

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE HILLSBORO COLLEGE.

YOUR Commission on the transfer of the grounds and buildings of the Hillsboro College respectfully report that they have transferred the said grounds and buildings of the Hillsboro College to the Board of Education of Hillsboro Special School District. We will hand to the Secretary of the Conference the papers which have passed between the Commissioners, the Trustees of the college, and the above-described Board of Education, Hillsboro Special School District, as soon as the papers can be prepared, and before this session of the Conference closes.

THOMAS H. PEARNE, V. F. BROWN,
FRANK G. MITCHELL, H. D. KETCHAM,
Commissioners.

HILLSBORO, OHIO, *September 3, 1900.*

The proposition as submitted by J. B. Worley, O. W. Sams, and W. C. Duckwall, acting for the Board of Trustees, Hillsboro College, Cincinnati Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was accepted by the Board of Education, Hillsboro Special School District.

I hereby certify the above to be a true statement of the action of the Board of Education.

J. P. CURRIN,
Clerk Board of Education.

The Board of Trustees of Hillsboro College met and confirmed the action of the Committee appointed to confer with School Board in the transfer of college, and resolved the Commission have the Conference confirm its action.

J. B. WORLEY, *President.*

W. C. DUCKWALL,
Secretary Hillsboro College.

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CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1800.	October 6, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1801.	October 1, . .	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1802.	October 1, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1803.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1804.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1805.	October 2, . .	Anthony Honston, Ky., . .	{ Francis Asbury, Richard Whatcoat,	William Burke.
1806.	September 15,	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1807.	September 14,	Chillicothe, O., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1808.	October 1, . .	Liberty Hill, Tenn., . .	{ Francis Asbury, (W. McKendree,	William Burke.
1809.	September 30,	Cincinnati, O., . . .	{ Francis Asbury, (W. McKendree,	William Burke.
1810.	September 6,	Shelbyville, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1811.	October 5, . .	Cincinnati, O., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	Learner Blackman.

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1812.	October 1, . .	Chillicothe, O., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	Charles Holliday.
1813.	September 1,	Steubenville, O., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1814.	September 8,	Cincinnati, O., . . .	John Sale, P. E., .	David Young.
1815.	September 14,	Lebanon, O., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1816.	September 3,	Lonisville, Ky., . . .	{ W. McKendree, (Enoch George,	David Young.
1817.	September 3,	Zanesville, O., . . .	{ W. McKendree, (R. R. Roberts,	David Young.
1818.	August 7, . .	Stenbenville, O., . . .	{ W. McKendree, (Enoch George,	John Tevis.
1819.	August 7, . .	Cincinnati, O., . . .	{ W. McKendree, (Enoch George,	Cornelius Springer.
1820.	August 8, . .	Chillicothe, O., . . .	R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1821.	September 6,	Lebanon, O., . . .	{ W. McKendree, (R. R. Roberts,	Cornelius Springer.
1822.	September 5,	Marietta, O., . . .	{ Enoch George, (W. McKendree,	Cornelius Springer.
1823.	September 3,	Urbana, O., . . .	R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1824.	September 2, .	Zanesville, O., . . .	{ W. McKendree, (R. R. Roberts, (J. Soule, . . .	James Collard.
1825.	October 12, . .	Columbus, O., . . .	Enoch George, . .	Isaac C. Hunter.
1826.	October 4, . .	Hillsboro, O., . . .	E. Hedding, . . .	G. R. Jones.
1827.	September 19,	Cincinnati, O., . . .	Enoch George, . .	G. R. Jones.
1828.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O., . . .	R. R. Roberts, . .	G. R. Jones.
1829.	September 3,	Urbana, O., . . .	{ R. R. Roberts, (W. McKendree,	G. R. Jones.
1830.	September 8,	Lancaster, O., . . .	J. Soule, . . .	H. O. Sheldon.
1831.	September 8,	Mansfield, O., . . .	E. Hedding, . . .	H. O. Sheldon.
1832.	September 19,	Dayton, O., . . .	J. Emory, . . .	H. O. Sheldon.
1833.	August 21, . .	Cincinnati, O., . . .	R. R. Roberts, . .	H. O. Sheldon.
1834.	August 20, . .	Circleville, O., . . .	J. Soule, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1835.	August 19, . .	Springfield, O., . . .	{ O. J. Andrew, (J. Soule, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1836.	September 28,	Chillicothe, O., . . .	J. Soule, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1837.	September 27,	Xenia, O., . . .	R. R. Roberts, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1838.	September 26,	Columbus, O., . . .	B. Waugh, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1839.	September 18,	Cincinnati, O., . . .	J. Soule, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1840.	September 30,	Zanesville, O., . . .	{ E. Hedding, (J. Soule, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1841.	August 25, . .	Urbana, O., . . .	R. R. Roberts, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1842.	September 28,	Hamilton, O., . . .	T. A. Morris, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1843.	September 27,	Chillicothe, O., . . .	J. Soule, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1844.	September 4, .	Marietta, O., . . .	{ B. Waugh, (J. Soule, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1845.	September 3,	Cincinnati, O., . . .	L. L. Hamline, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1846.	September 2,	Piqua, O., . . .	T. A. Morris, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1847.	September 1,	Columbus, O., . . .	E. S. Janes, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1848.	September 27,	Newark, O., . . .	L. L. Hamline, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1849.	September 19,	Dayton, O., . . .	{ B. Waugh, (L. L. Hamline,	J. M. Trimble.
1850.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O., . . .	{ E. S. Janes, (T. A. Morris, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1851.	September 17,	Springfield, O., . . .	T. A. Morris, . .	J. M. Trimble

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1852	September 22,	Xenia, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1853	September 28,	Hillsboro, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1854	September 23,	Cincinnati, O.,	L. Scott,	J. T. Mitchell.
1855	September 26,	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1856	October 1,	Ripley, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1857	September 9,	Piqua, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1858	September 8,	Lebanon, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1859	September 7,	Dayton, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1860	September 5,	Oxford, O.,	M. Simpson,	J. T. Mitchell.
1861	September 4,	Springfield, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1862	September 3,	Cincinnati, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1863	September 2,	Xenia, O.,	O. C. Baker,	W. H. Sutherland.
1864	September 8,	Greenfield, O.,	M. Simpson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1865	August 30,	Troy, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1866	August 29,	Ripley, O.,	E. Thomson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1867	August 28,	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	W. H. Sutherland.
1868	August 26,	Hamilton, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1869	August 25,	Hillsboro, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1870	August 24,	Piqua, O.,	E. S. Janes,	W. H. Sutherland.
1871	August 30,	Dayton, O.,	L. Scott,	W. H. Sutherland.
1872	August 28,	Eaton, O.,	I. W. Wiley,	W. H. Sutherland.
1873	August 27,	Springfield, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1874	August 26,	Wilmington, O.,	R. S. Foster,	W. H. Sutherland.
1875	September 1,	Cincinnati, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	W. H. Sutherland.
1876	August 30,	Oxford, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	W. H. Sutherland.
1877	September 5,	Xenia, O.,	G. Haven,	W. H. Sutherland.
1878	September 4,	Piqua, O.,	W. L. Harris,	David Judson Starr.
1879	September 3,	Urbana, O.,	M. Simpson,	David Judson Starr.
1880	September 1,	Middletown, O.,	Jesse T. Peck,	David Judson Starr.
1881	September 7,	Springfield, O.,	Isaac W. Wiley,	David Judson Starr.
1882	September 6,	Dayton, O.,	T. Bowman,	David Judson Starr.
1883	September 5,	Hamilton, O.,	R. S. Foster,	David Judson Starr.
1884	September 3,	Hillsboro, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1885	September 3,	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.	W. L. Harris,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1885	September 2,	Piqua, O.,	J. M. Walden,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1887	August 31,	Mechanicsburg, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	Stanley O. Royal.
1888	September 5,	Jamestown, O.,	H. W. Warren,	Stanley O. Royal.
1889	September 4,	Xenia, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Stanley O. Royal.
1890	August 27,	Greenville, O.,	I. W. Joyce,	Stanley O. Royal.
1891	September 2,	Urbana, O.,	R. S. Foster,	Stanley O. Royal.
1892	August 31,	Middletown, O.,	W. X. Ninde,	Stanley O. Royal.
1893	August 30,	Troy, O.,	J. F. Hurst,	Stanley O. Royal.
1894	September 5,	Wilmington, O.,	D. A. Goodsell,	Stanley O. Royal.
1895	August 28,	Hamilton, O.,	C. D. Foss,	Stanley O. Royal.
1896	September 2,	Piqua, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Stanley O. Royal.
1897	September 1,	Springfield, O.,	W. F. Mallalieu,	Stanley O. Royal.
1898	August 31,	Xenia, O.,	John H. Vincent,	Stanley O. Royal.
1899	August 30,	St. Paul, Dayton, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	Stanley O. Royal.
1900	August 29,	Hillsboro, O.,	H. W. Warren,	Stanley O. Royal.

VII.

In Memoriam.

"Call the laborers and give them their hire."—MATT. XX, 8.

DECEASED BISHOPS.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY.		Conse- crated Bishop.	REMARKS.
		Conference.	Y'r.		
Thomas Coke.....	Sept. 9, 1747	Brit. Wes.	1778	1784	Died at sea, May 3, 1814.
Francis Asbury.....	Aug. 20, 1745	Brit. Wes.	1766	1784	Died in Virginia, March 31, 1816.
Richard Whitcoat.....	Feb. 23, 1735	Brit. Wes.	1759	1800	Died in Delaware, July 5, 1806.
William McKendree.....	July 5, 1757	M. E. Ch.	1785	1805	Died in Tennessee, March 5, 1835.
Enoch George.....	Mar. 10, 1768	M. E. Ch.	1790	1816	Died in Virginia, August 23, 1828.
Robert R. Roberts.....	Aug. 2, 1778	Baltimore.	1802	1816	Died in Indiana, March 28, 1813.
Joshua Soule.....	Aug. 1, 1781	New York.	1799	1824	Entered M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 6, '67.
Elijah Hedding.....	Jan. 7, 1780	New Eng.	1801	1824	Died in Poughkeepsie, April 9, 1852.
James Osgood Andrew.....	May 3, 1791	S. Carol'a	1813	1832	Bish. M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 1, '71
John Emory.....	April 11, 1789	Phila.	1810	1832	Died in Maryland, December 16, 1835.
Beverly Waugh.....	Oct. 25, 1789	Baltimore.	1809	1836	Died in Maryland, February 9, 1858.
Thomas A. Morris.....	April 28, 1794	Ohio.	1816	1836	Died in Springfield, O., Sept. 2, 1874.
Leonidas L. Hamline.....	May 10, 1797	Ohio.	1833	1844	Resig'd 1852; died in Iowa, Mar. 22, '65.
Edmund Storer Jaues.....	April 27, 1807	Phila.	1830	1844	Died in New York, Sept. 18, 1876.
Levi Scott.....	Oct. 11, 1802	Phila.	1825	1852	Died in Odessa, July 13, 1882.
Matthew Simpson.....	June 21, 1811	Pittsburg.	1834	1852	Died in Philadelphia, June 18, 1884.
Osmund C. Baker.....	July 30, 1812	N. Hamp.	1839	1852	Died in Concord, N. H., Dec. 20, 1871.
Edward R. Ames.....	May 20, 1806	Illinois.	1830	1852	Died in Baltimore, April 25, 1879.
*Francis Burns.....	Dec. 5, 1809	Liberia.	1838	1858	Died in Baltimore, April 18, 1863.
Davis Wasgatt Clark.....	Feb. 25, 1812	New Yo. k.	1843	1864	Died in Cincinnati, May 23, 1871.
Edward Thomson.....	Oct. 12, 1810	Ohio.	1832	1864	Died in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
Calvin Kingsley.....	Sept. 8, 1812	Erie.	1841	1864	Died in Beyroot, Syria, April 6, 1870.
*John W. Roberts.....	Sept. 8, 1812	Liberia.	1838	1866	Died in Africa, January 30, 1875.
William L. Harris.....	Nov. 4, 1817	Michigan.	1837	1872	Died in New York, Sept. 2, 1887.
Isaac W. Wiley.....	Mar. 29, 1825	Phila.	1851	1872	Died in Foochow, China, Nov. 22, 1884.
Gilbert Haven.....	Sept. 19, 1821	N. Eng'ld.	1851	1872	Died in Malden, Mass., Jan. 3, 1880.
Jesse T. Peck.....	April 4, 1811	Oneida.	1832	1872	Died in Syracuse, N. Y., May 17, 1883.
Erastus O. Haven.....	Nov. 1, 1820	New York.	1848	1880	Died in Salem, Oreg., August 2, 1881.
John P. Newman.....	Sept. 1, 1826	Oneida.	1848	1885	Died in Saratoga, N. Y., July 6, 1899.

* Missionary Bishops.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Lewis Hunt,		Dec. 3, 1801, Kentucky, . . . . .	...
William Young,	May 16, 1786,	July 8, 1812, Ohio,	26
Ralph Lotspeich,	Feb. 15, 1781, Virginia,	Dec. 15, 1813, Ohio,	32
Walter Griffith,	Aug. 12, 1782, Maryland,	June 27, 1822, Xenia, O.,	40
Samuel Baker,	Sept. 13, 1793, Maryland,	Sept. 26, 1823, Middletown, O.,	30
Alexander Cummins,	Sept. 31, 1787, Virginia,	Sept. 27, 1823, Cincinnati, O.,	36
Nathan Walker,	Oct. 20, 1795, Maryland,	Aug. 26, 1825, Frankfort, Ky.,	30
John Walker,	Feb. 28, 1797, Virginia,	April 5, 1849,	52
John Sale,	April 4, 1769, Virginia,	Jan. 15, 1827, Troy, O.,	55
Michael Ellis,	May 5, 1758,	Oct. 30, 1830, Rehoboth, O.,	72
John Ulin,	1792, Virginia,	July 13, 1833, N. Richmond, O	41
James F. Callaghan,		Nov. 9, 1833, Marietta, O., . . . . .	...
Thomas F. Sargent,	April 10, 1776, Maryland,	Dec. 29, 1833, Cincinnati, O.,	57
Williams Page,	Sept. 1772, New Jersey,	Nov. 15, 1834, Ohio,	62
Philip Gatch,	March 21, 1751, Maryland,	Dec. 28, 1835, Ohio,	83
Russel Bigelow,	Feb. 24, 1793, New Hampshire,	July 1, 1835, Columbus, O.,	43
William Phillips,	May 7, 1797, Kentucky,	Aug. 6, 1836, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Erastus Felton,	Jan. 28, 1798, New York,	June 25, 1837, Ohio,	39
John A. Waterman,	June 29, 1790, New Hampshire,	Aug. 6, 1837, Oxford, O.,	47
James W. Finley,	Dec. 24, 1800, Ohio,	June 11, 1838, Kentucky,	38
William D. Barrett,	July 19, 1797, Virginia,	Feb. 22, 1839, Ohio,	42
Dudley Woodbridge,	1814, Ohio,	Jan. 3, 1839, Marietta, O.,	25
Frederick B. Butler,	July 22, 1803, Virginia,	March 5, 1839, Ohio,	36
Moses Crumie,	Feb. 27, 1766, Virginia,	April 1, 1839, Oxford, O.,	73
George Fate,	Aug. 28, 1819, Ohio	Aug. 28, 1839, Marion, O.,	20

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Charles R. Baldwin, .	March 17, 1803, Massachusetts	Nov. 9, 1839, Parkersburg, Va.,	36
Jeremiah Hill, . . .	Oct. 2, 1816, Rhode Island, .	May 26, 1840, Ohio,	24
Robert W. Finley, . .	June 9, 1750, Pennsylvania, .	Dec. 8, 1840, Ohio,	90
William B. Christie, .	Sept. 2, 1803, Ohio,	March 27, 1842, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Isaac C. Hunter, . . .	Ang. 30, 1798, Pennsylvania, .	June 27, 1842, Gallipolis, O.,	44
Alfred Hance, . . .	Jan. 8, 1810, New Jersey, .	Feb. 2, 1843, Ohio,	33
John W. Kanaga, . .	Feb. 3, 1819,	Feb. 14, 1844, Ohio,	25
Greenbury R. Jones, .	April 7, 1784, Pennsylvania, .	Sept. 20, 1844, Marietta, O.,	60
Henry S. Farnandis, .	Dec. 1, 1793, Virginia, . .	May 17, 1845, Rushville, O.,	52
John Collius,	Nov. 1, 1769, New Jersey, .	Aug. 21, 1845, Kentncky, . .	76
John Ferree,	Nov. 22, 1792, Pennsylvania, .	Oct. 4, 1845, Jackson, O.,	53
William R. Anderson, .	June 21, 1810, Ross Co., O.,	Feb. 25, 1846, Ohio,	36
Benjamin Cooper, . .	June 3, 1802, Perry Co., O.,	May 13, 1846, Indiana,	44
Jacob Delay,	Dec. 17, 1781, Pennsylvania, .	Oct. 18, 1846, Jackson Co., O.,	65
William Parrish, . .	Oct. 25, 1800, n'r Lex'ngt'n, Ky	Oct. 17, 1847, Butler Co., O.,	47
James Quinn,	April 1, 1775, Pennsylvania, .	Dec. 1, 1847, Ohio,	72
Alexander Morrow, .	March 21, 1810, Pennsylvania, .	Feb. 13, 1849, Ohio,	39
Benjamin Lakin, . .	Aug. 23, 1767, Maryland, . .	Feb. 18, 1849, Ohio,	82
Nathan Emery, . . .	Aug. 5, 1780, Maine,	May 27, 1849, Ohio,	69
Martin Wolf,	Nov. 25, 1813, Pennsylvania, .	July 10, 1849, Ohio,	36
Alfred L. Westervelt, .	Jan. 22, 1821, Westerville, O.,	July 31, 1849, Ohio,	29
Asa B. Stroud, . . .	April 11, 1807, Ohio,	Sept. 23, 1849, Ohio,	42
Chas. B. Warrington, .	March 13, 1814, England, .	Feb. 18, 1850, Ohio,	36
Philip A. Mutchler, .	Jan. 10, 1817, Ohio,	Oct. 2, 1850, Ohio,	33
Joseph T. Lewis, . .	April 18, 1824, Ohio,	Nov. 3, 1850, Cincinnati, O.,	26
O. P. Williams, . .	April 13, 1814, Ohio,	1850, Ohio,	36
James A. Taylor, . .	1823, Ohio,	Aug. 10, 1851, Ohio,	28
Samuel Maddux, . .	May 2, 1818, Ohio,	Nov. 9, 1851, Logan, O.,	33
Ebenezer B. Chase, .	April 3, 1806, Maine,	Mch. 4, 1852, Kingston C't'r, O.	36

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Entered Conf.	Entered Conf.	Entered Conf.	Entered Conf.	Entered Conf.	Entered Conf.	Entered Conf.	Entered Conf.
Wm. H. Raper, . .	1819 Feb. 11, 1852 58	33	33	George B. Owens, .	1853 Nov. 23, 1863 54	10	10
Jos. S. Tomlinson, .	1825 June 4, 1853 51	27	27	A. P. Dunlap, .	1854 Feb. 14, 1863 34	9	9
Chas. G. Meredith, .	1846 July 16, 1854 34	8	8	A. M. Lorain, .	1824 Apr. 25, 1863 72	39	39
Gilbert C. Townley, .	1848 Nov. 2, 1854 33	6	6	W. H. Fyffe, .	1836 May 20, 1863 49	27	27
Thomas Gorsuch, .	1841 May 12, 1855 39	14	14	J. T. Mitchell, .	1832 May 30, 1863 53	31	31
James M. Cavin, .	1850 May 19, 1855 30	5	5	L. Swormstedt, .	1818 Aug. 28, 1863 64	45	45
Philip Nation, . .	1853 Oct. 14, 1855 43	22	22	C. W. Sears, .	1844 Aug. 29, 1863 44	19	19
James Smith, . .	1818 Apr. 7, 1856 65	38	38	Henry Baker, .	1814 Dec. 24, 1863 66	49	49
George W. Walker, .	1826 July 31, 1856 51	30	30	E. D. Roe, .	1832 1864 63	31	31
B. Brownmiller, . .	1849 Sep. 16, 1856 32	7	7	David Sharp, .	1813 Apr. 21, 1865 77	52	52
James B. Fiuley, .	1809 Sep. 6, 1857 76	48	48	Enoch G. West, .	1845 May 8, 1865 39	17	17
Moses G. Bennett, .	1847 Mar. 8, 1857 37	10	10	Wm. E. Spahr, .	1863 Nov. 30, 1865 22	2	2
A. J. Dinkins, . .	1842 Jan. 10, 1857 44	15	15	David Whitcomb, .	1826 May 17, 1866 ..	40	40
Samuel Neer, . .	1854 Aug. 15, 1857 30	3	3	Levi White, .	1822 Aug. 21, 1866 68	44	44
James B. Austin, .	1828 Sep. 27, 1857 51	29	29	M. Marlay, .	1831 Sep. 2, 1866 69	35	35
J. J. Tiffany, . .	1850 Dec. 29, 1857 31	7	7	David Reed, .	1832 Mar. 24, 1867 50	35	35
Arthur W. Elliott, .	1818 Jan. 18, 1858 73	40	40	Wm. S. Hartley, .	1856 Feb. 7, 1869 35	13	13
John S. Jackson, .	1856 Mar. 29, 1858 24	16	16	Joseph M. Gatch, .	1842 Feb. 13, 1869 47	27	27
W. S. Morrow, . .	1850 June 19, 1858 53	28	28	Arza Brown, .	1824 Aug. 1, 1869 77	45	45
Robert O. Spencer, .	1824 Aug. 30, 1858 52	34	34	Moses Smith, .	1842 Aug. 25, 1869 52	27	27
Horace S. Sellman, .	1846 Feb. 1, 1858 38	13	13	Jesse Botkin, .	1842 Feb. 25, 1870 62	28	28
Perlee W. Wilber, .	Tchr June 11, 1859 52	25	25	A. W. Musgrove, .	1852 Apr. 19, 1870 58	30	30
William Kaetter, .	1851 Sep. 12, 1859 46	8	8	Charles W. Swain, .	1831 Apr. 25, 1870 76	39	39
Steph. H. Holland, .	1831 Jan. 10, 1860 53	29	29	Eli Kirk, .	1857 Sep. 17, 1870 39	13	13
Jesse R. Hall, . .	1854 Aug. 30, 1860 26	6	6	Dan'l D. Davison, .	1811 Dec. 14, 1870 85	59	59
Charles Kissenger, .	1855 Sep. 28, 1860 30	5	5	John W. Fowble, .	1842 July 6, 1871 56	29	29
Isaac I. Beall, . .	1849 Oct. 27, 1860 37	11	11	John Shiann, .	1854 Sep. 26, 1871 47	17	17
Peter Schmucker, .	1838 Dec. 9, 1860 76	46	46	Isaac Neff, .	1843 Oct. 29, 1871 47	22	22
George Danker, . .	1839 Mar. 4, 1861 67	22	22	John Seys, .	1825 Feb. 9, 1872 72	47	47
Daniel Griffis, . .	1853 Aug. 28, 1861 34	8	8	Levi P. Miller, .	1850 July 28, 1872 63	42	42
Hen. E. Purkiser, .	1852 Dec. 4, 1861 34	9	9	Wesley Rector, .	1871 Sep. 26, 1872 35	8	8
Wesley Rowe, . .	1834 Feb. 8, 1862 52	28	28	George J. Conier, .	1859 Apr. 1, 1873 44	14	14
Joseph Newson, . .	1833 May 20, 1862 53	29	29	A. B. Wambaugh, .	1837 Aug. 14, 1873 57	35	35
Charles R. Lovell, .	1833 Sep. 25, 1862 45	29	29	Joshua Boucher, .	1818 Nov. 22, 1873 76	55	55
George W. Harris, .	1830 Nov. 5, 1862 58	12	12	H. M. Curry, .	1848 Mar. 3, 1874 55	26	26

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1827	47	July 1, 1874	James Armstrong,	1827	1850	68	June 29, 1889	Ephraim M. Cole,	1850
		1870 Aug. 6, 1874	W. Simmons,	1820	39	54	July 1, 1889	William Mahon,	1859
		1874 76	N. C. Parrish,	1865		10	1889 53	Jer. H. Bayliss,	53
		1875 40	W. Routledge,	1843		10	1889 21	Geo. H. Kennedy,	30
		1875 68	M. G. Purkiser,	1835		40	1889 30	Sam'l A. Brewster,	30
		1875 61	E. House,	1865		10	1890 64	Thomas Lee,	36
		1875 50	J. C. Bontecou,	1872		1851	1891 40		
		1875 72	N. Calender,	1825		1845	1891 40	J. W. Keely,	40
		1876 75	P. A. Ogden,	1825		1845	1891 40	J. F. Conrey,	40
		1876 77	T. A. G. Phillips,	1841		1845	1891 40	L. F. van Cleve,	40
		1876 79	Wm. H. Lawder,	1833		1845	1891 40	T. S. Cowdery,	40
		1877 68	Wm. H. Ellsworth,	1834		1845	1891 40	G. W. Kelley,	40
		1877 70	Elijah H. Field,	1824		1845	1891 40	W. E. Hines,	40
		1877 72	Alex. Meharry,	1841		1845	1891 40	W. N. Williams,	40
		1878 64	Jos. A. Reeder,	1829		1845	1891 40	J. F. Bishop,	40
		1878 65	John C. Deem,	1829		1845	1891 40	A. U. Beall,	40
		1878 81	J. McD. Mathews,	1831		1845	1891 40	D. H. Sargent,	40
		1879 77	John F. Wright,	1815		1845	1891 40	Geo. W. Kennedy,	40
		1879 75	Wm. H. Mifesse,	1870		1845	1891 40	T. S. Cowdery,	40
		1879 77	John Barton,	1839		1845	1891 40	Henry Stokes,	40
		1882 39	Herman Lidders,	1828		1845	1891 40	Benj. Glascock,	40
		1882 37	David Warrick,	1834		1845	1891 40	W. B. Jackson,	40
		1882 59	James Kendall,	1851		1845	1891 40	W. R. Webster,	40
		1883 48	George C. Crum,	1831		1845	1891 40	I. C. Page,	40
		1883 73	John W. Weakley,	1837		1845	1891 40	Jas. Murray,	40
		1882 60	Charles Kalbfus,	1857		1845	1891 40	Miginn Dustin,	40
		1882 75	Jas. F. McClelland,	1864		1845	1891 40	Simon McChesney,	40
		1883 75	Willis M. Boyer,	1872		1845	1891 40	W. L. Hypes,	40
		1884 48	Nimrod McDonald,	1852		1845	1891 40	E. C. Smith,	40
		1884 48	David Kemper,	1836		1845	1891 40	Henry Miller,	40
		1884 71	Charles Ferguson,	1844		1845	1891 40	W. J. Quarry,	40
		1884 67	Milton G. Baker,	1843		1845	1891 40	Wm. Herr,	40
		1884 69	James F. Chaffant,	1843		1845	1891 40	J. L. Grover,	40
		1884 75	Jesse M. Robinson,	1851		1845	1891 40	L. D. McCabe,	40
		1884 58	Andrew Murphy,	1837		1845	1891 40	Geo. T. Perry,	40
		1885 58	John N. Irvin,	1872		1845	1891 40	Sias Bennett,	40
		1885 38	Joseph J. Hill,	1830		1845	1891 40	N. W. Darlington,	40
		1885 80	John C. Maddy,	1832		1845	1891 40	Timothy Wones,	40
		1885 63	Dennis Callahan,	1843		1845	1891 40	Asbury Lowrey,	40
		1886 67	J. W. Stone,	1838		1845	1891 40	Jas. Stephenson,	40
		1886 74	Granville Moody,	1835		1845	1891 40	F. W. Hypes,	40
		1887 75	David Whitmer,	1846		1845	1891 40	Patrick Garland,	40
		1887 65	Richard Branderiff,	1829		1845	1891 40	M. Kauffman,	40
		1887 84	Wm. Young,	1832		1845	1891 40	Wm. Q. Shannon,	40
		1887 80	T. S. Peregrine,	1851		1845	1891 40	John W. Cassatt,	40
		1888 69	S. F. Conrey,	1837		1845	1891 40	Chas. H. Payne,	40
		1888 73	M. P. Gaddis,	1838		1845	1891 40	Wm. B. Moler,	40
		1889 77	Jer' h B. Ellsworth,	1838		1845	1891 40	Sam'l D. Clayton,	40
		1889 79	Allen W. Tibbits,	1846		1845	1891 40	A. M. Griffith,	40
		1889 67	Chas. W. Ketcham,	1854		1845	1891 40	Richard A. Arthur,	40
		1889 59				1850	1891 40	James P. Whitney,	40
		1890 60				1850	1891 40	William J. Fee,	40
		1890 66				1850	1891 40	James P. Shultz,	40
		1890 60				1850	1891 40	David C. Vance,	40

Memoirs.

REV. WILLIAM I. FEE.

Prepared and Read at the Funeral by Rev. Heber D. Ketcham.

WILLIAM I. FEE was endowed by nature with the instincts and traits of a noble ancestry. Their faith had been wrought into stubborn set by the sledge of persecution in the red heat of the Reformation. Two hundred years ago, with their Anglo-Welsh blood, they fled for freedom to America. Here, in Maryland, they added the alert nature of the more fiery Southerner; while over all rested the hallowed blessing of a Christian spirit.

William Ingram Fee was born February 15, 1817, at Felicity, Clermont County, Ohio, a section that for a hundred years has seemed to know how to produce men. He grew up amidst the scenes naturally attending a home in a new country, with the modest school advantages of that day. He probably owed to the Methodist itinerants, those cavalier kings of our country's destiny, more than to any other source, his thirst for knowledge and his high ideals of life. Such men as Benjamin Lakin, John Strange, William Simmons, Joshua Soule, and the other giants of Methodism, did more to mold his character than any other force outside his home. He imbibed from them their ideals and thoughts of God that shaped his life. He says of himself, that, when between eleven and twelve years of age, he felt he ought to be a Christian. In his fourteenth year he was deeply troubled. In his sixteenth year, July 27, 1832, he united with the Church. On the 27th of August, after great struggle, he was genuinely converted to God. This change became the blood-oiled pivot on whose sacrifice turned his destiny and that of ten thousand more. Desirous of an education, he went to Augusta College, Kentucky, graduating in the class of 1842. Here he came under the spell of Martin Ruter, Henry Bascom, Hubbard Kavanaugh, and others of like fiber, who helped to mold him in readiness for a ministry whose usefulness is second to none in this century of Methodism. He was given exhorter's license by Ebenezer Chase in 1838, on the White Oak Circuit, Clermont County, Ohio, and was licensed to preach at Minerva, Ky., January 30, 1842, by Isaac Collard.

In the same year he was appointed by William H. Raper a supply as junior preacher on the White Oak Circuit. In 1842 he united with the Ohio Conference on probation, and two years later was received into full membership. In 1852, when the Cincinnati Conference was formed, he became a member of it, remaining in its unbroken fellowship until the day of his death. His appointments have been: 1842, Georgetown Circuit; 1844, Eaton Circuit; 1845, Putnam Station, now a part of Zanesville; 1847, Guyandotte Circuit, West Virginia; 1848, Augusta, Ky.; 1849, West Union Circuit, Adams County; 1850, Ripley; 1852, Hillsboro; 1854, Ninth Street, Cincinnati; 1856, Wesley Chapel (now Grace Church), Dayton; 1858, High Street, Springfield; 1860, Christie Chapel, Cincinnati; 1862, Xenia; 1864, Urbana; 1867, Hamilton; 1870, Greene Street, Piqua; 1873, Wesley Chapel, Cincinnati; 1876, Greenfield; 1877, Ripley District; 1881, South Charleston; 1884, York Street, Cincinnati; 1887, McKendree, Cincinnati; 1889, Grace, Springfield; 1891, Grace, Piqua, from whose labor he retired from the active work, and from whose pulpit, after his last public service, he went home to die.

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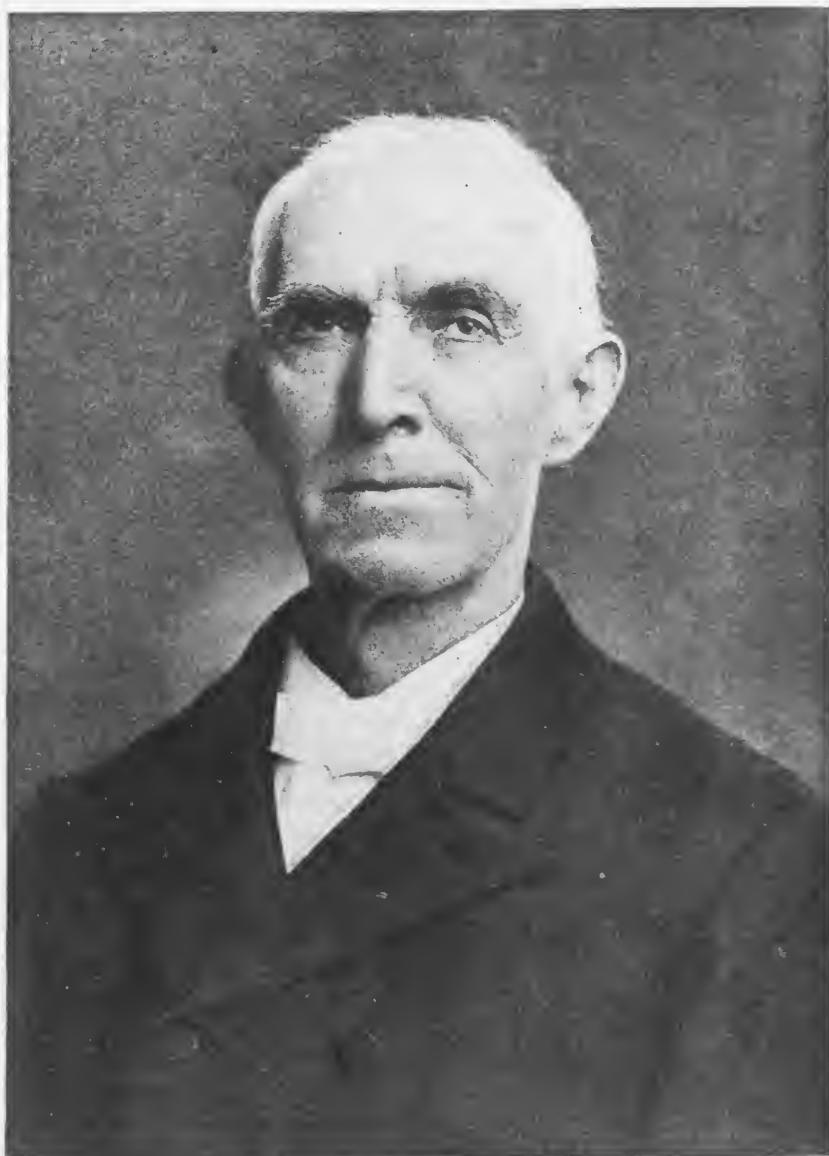
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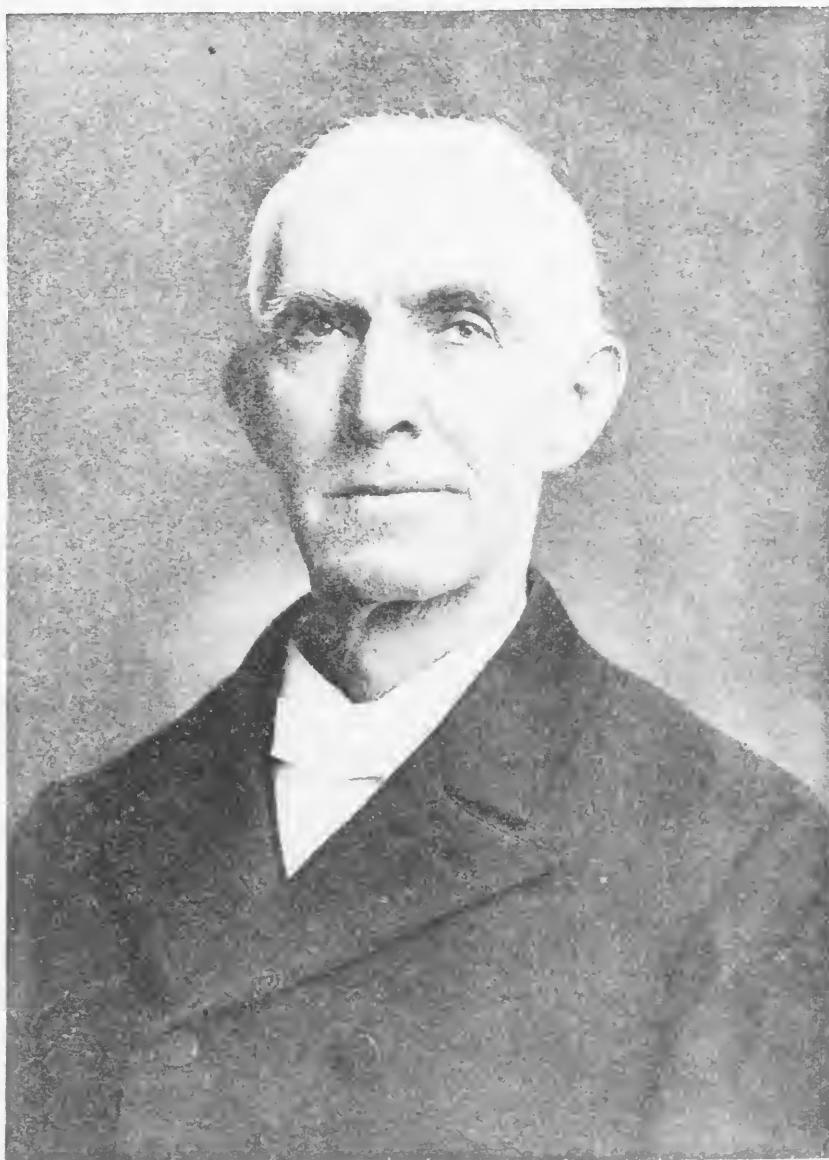
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As a minister he was abundant in labors and uniformly successful. Such a revival record can not be paralleled in the regular ministry of present-day Methodism. Over a hundred and forty of those converted under his ministry have preached the gospel, while thousands have entered into life, helped by his faith. The homiletic critic might often have found objection; but he was superior to rule, proving his power in the execution wrought. He was a Damascus blade, which the Spirit had ground till it cut like a two-edged scimeter. He was deeply logical, though not given to the formal logic of the books. He thought in the deep logic of human passion, and dealt alone with the elements of destiny. He subordinated every quality of preaching to the desire to save men. In this he was unique, and truly great. Under his preaching men fled for relief to tears. They were led to cry aloud for help in the midst of his appeals, while he moved toward conviction with the strength of the war steed in his charge. His words were not eloquent, yet they were saturated with that supreme affection which is the truest eloquence. He was profound in his very simplicity, great in purity and God's love.

If you search for the secret of his strength, you will need to look deeper than the man. He had a profound and all-embracing belief in the aid of the Holy Spirit. His faith at times seemed superhuman. He truly believed that God could not fail, and that God was upon his side. When in revival-meetings all faith in the singing was lost, all in testimony lost, all in appeals lost, even the altar forgotten, the preacher himself dwarfed into nothing; then it was his faith became colossal. Do you wonder the answer came? Even in his tottering age we have looked upon him as he would speak of God's work until, like a rising peak bathed in the storm, he seemed sublime. At times, as when he battled for sight, he swayed like the oak in the tempest, through whose branches the wild gales of fierce trial swept; but emerged erect in the glittering sunlight when the test had passed. We sometimes wondered at his inward conflicts, yet saw thereby the depth and triumph of this man of God.

A few weeks ago he was taken with asthma. He said with a smile, after one of the paroxysms was over, "To think that I had lived so long without it, and now should take such a trouble as this!" If you asked him how he was, he was always "Better." The keen torture for breath would scarcely wave back its threatening doom when the returning word would be one of praise to God. Several hemorrhages occurred shortly before his death, causing great weakness. His mind wandered, yet lucid intervals revealed his thought as alert and clear as ever. Only the noon before he died he asked what the new phase might be in the unhappy contest in our sister State just south.

He realized, however, that the end was near. On Monday he said to one, whose devotion to his wants had been untiring: "I am going away to-morrow." She replied, "We can not spare you." "Yes," he replied, "but you must; I'm going." During the night before he died he was preaching constantly in tones that were audible throughout the entire house. What a beautiful confirmation of the verse he so often quoted:

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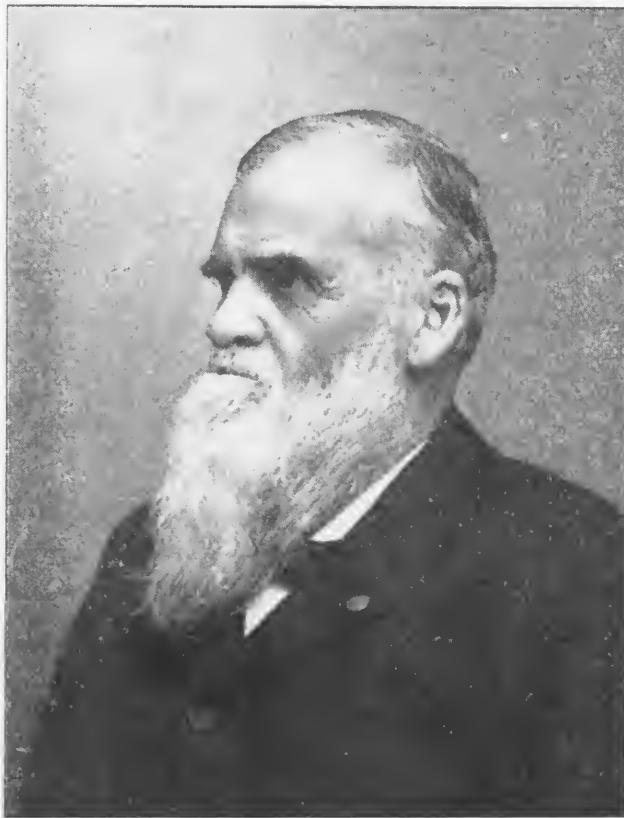
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Brother Shultz always had a great tenacity for the truth, and for all that was right, and despised everything that was false. Hence from childhood he contended against slavery, the saloon, and all kindred evils. When our country became involved in Civil War, he espoused the cause of the Union, and loyally withstood her foes at home and abroad. In 1864 he responded to the call for volunteers, and joined the 175th Ohio Volunteer Infantry as a private, but was soon after elected its chaplain, in which relation he continued to serve until the close of the Rebellion. As a preacher he was Scriptural, earnest, unctious, forcible. He was well acquainted with the weapons of his warfare, and used them to good effect. "How beautiful it is for a man to die upon the walls of Zion; to be called like a watch-worn and weary sentinel, to put his armor off, and rest in heaven!"

As a pastor he was faithful, cautious, patient, watchful over all his flock. He well understood both the doctrines and polity of his Church. As an expounder of the Word, he was far above the average. His excellent comments on the Sabbath-school lessons each week, his Spirit-baptized prayers, his wise counsels and loyalty to his pastors, his beautiful Christian example, are some of the characteristics of his superannuated life. It is a common loss we mutually mourn to-day. But there was rejoicing amid the sainted throng above, whom he had led into the kingdom, when it was announced that their pastor had arrived at the gates of heaven. Although the silver cord has been loosed and the golden bowl broken, yet

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unusual personal charms of art and letters and rare social qualities. Mrs. Rust was deeply consecrated, and her Christian character was earnest, and pronounced. Eagerly and continuously she wrought, in philanthropic lines, among the needy and suffering representatives of the meek and lowly Nazarene. With splendid endowments of mind and heart, which would have rendered her a gem of rarest luster in the highest social circles, she closed her eyes and ears to their beckoning call, and chose instead the kindly ministry of well-doing among the lowly poor after the example of Jesus. Her whole life after her marriage beautifully illustrated the piety which says:

"That path with humble speed I 'll seek,
In which my Savior's footsteps shine,
Nor will I hear, nor will I speak
Of any other love but thine."

For years she was a successful worker among the neglected classes of African descent in Cincinnati, in teaching and otherwise helping them, and in securing for them lectures by eminent persons, and also by establishing evening schools. With others, she was actively and effectively engaged in organizing and administering the beneficent provisions of the Associated Charities. It was also quite in keeping with her love for practical philanthropy that her name and efforts should be linked with the immortal heroines—the Crusaders of twenty-seven years ago. Here, as in other ways, she was fearless, tireless, and undiscouraged. Her marriage with Dr. Rust, October 24, 1875, gave her unusual opportunities and incitements in humanitarian lines. He was then, and for several years thereafter, Corresponding Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In her new marital relation, which was singularly and happily congenial, she found her providential life-mission. She heartily co-operated with her husband in facilitating the great philanthropy of lifting up those four millions of people (now eight millions), then so recently emancipated from the debased and debasing chattelhood of slavery, to Christian manhood and womanhood. Here her warm and generous sympathies had abundant stimulus and scope. Her diligent and effective service in this behalf was signally conspicuous.

Following this providential opening came the genesis of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which in similar forms with those of the Freedmen's Aid Society promoted the welfare of the Freedmen, teaching them the possibility and the happiness of pure homes, and the necessary provisions thereto, imparting to them the knowledge of good housekeeping and self-care. Mrs. Rust aided in organizing this Society, and for many years as its Corresponding Secretary she impressed her strong personality upon the whole Methodist connection, thus rendering noble and enduring service for God's lowly poor. With her wealth of Christian sympathy, Mrs. Rust has made a rare record of usefulness, which bears ample proofs of God's approval, and over which angels might well exult. Her remarkable life-story has already been so fully written and so widely distributed, that to extend this sketch would be quite superfluous. Her end was peaceful and joyous. It displayed a blessed victory over the sting of death and all its named and unnamed terrors.

"The deathbed of the just is yet undrawn
By mortal hands; it merits a Divine.
Angels should paint it; angels ever there,
There on a post of honor and of joy."

MRS. ISABELLA S. ARTHUR.

MRS. ISABELLA S. ARTHUR was born in Glasgow, Scotland, October 17, 1824, and passed to her heavenly home at Addison, West Virginia, December 5, 1899, at the age of seventy-five years. While very young she came to Wheeling, West Virginia, United States of America, the home of her adoption, where she lived, with her honored parents, until 1851, at which time she was united in marriage to the late Rev. Richard A. Arthur. Four children were born of their union, three of whom still survive—John William, Kate Amelia, and Maggie F. Arthur. Mrs. L. R. Duckwall, the eldest daughter, died at her home in Sanville, Ohio, in 1873. Sister Arthur was of gentle birth, being the daughter of John and Mary Fisher. Her father, well known in Wheeling, West Virginia, was a Scotchman of noble life and Christian character. For many years he was a leading member of the historical Fourth Street Methodist Episcopal Church, and remained such until he entered into the Church triumphant. Mrs. Fisher was a member of the Episcopal Church, and was a Christian lady, endowed with a fine intellect, possessing a kind and loving heart, ever mindful of the poor, and greatly beloved for her many noble virtues. Sister Arthur's sickness was of short duration. When the Master called, she passed sweetly and peacefully away—a passing befitting her lovely Christian life—one of great usefulness, both to the Church she loved, and for which the best years of her life were spent to buildup, and to her family. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, and richly deserved the love bestowed upon her by both husband and children. She was a lady of rare culture and refinement, gentle and sweet-spirited. Her faith in God was simple, trusting, and confiding as that of a child. At the age of thirteen years she gave her young heart to Christ, joined Fourth Street Methodist Episcopal Church, where she remained, a devout and faithful member, until she entered, with her husband, upon the great work of the ministry. She gave great dignity to her position, and was ever ready and willing to support him in all his ministerial labors. Like her late husband, she knew no fear, and was courageous under the most trying circumstances. Sister Arthur was endowed with a rich voice, which rang out clear and sweet as she led, often, in singing the praises of God, the congregation joining in the revival chorus. Our dear sister joined her companion in his heavenly home three weeks after he passed away, and two lives, joined on earth for forty-nine years, were not separated long in death. Thus two Christian lives spent together for the upbuilding of Christ's Church on earth, and the uplifting of humanity, were soon united in the heavenly kingdom, to reap a glorious reward where they now rejoice with Christ and the Redeemed before the "Throne of God and the Lamb" forever. *

MRS. ISABELL GUTHRIE LOWREY.

MRS. ISABELL GUTHRIE LOWREY, wife of the late Asbury Lowrey, D. D., late of the Cincinnati Conference, was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, December 3, 1827, and died at the home of her son, William K. Lowrey, in Evanston, Illinois, January 1, 1900. She was the daughter of James and Martha Guthrie, and was the youngest in a family of ten children. Her father died when she was but five years old, and in her childhood she removed to Cincinnati. She was converted in her girlhood at a revival in Wesley Chapel under Rev. J. M. Trimble. She was educated at the Hemans Female Institute at Pittsburg, and in the Wes-

leyan Female College of Cincinnati. Mr. Lowrey was stationed at Asbury Chapel, Cincinnati, in 1844 and 1845. He was then a widower, with a young daughter. While pastor of this Church Mr. Lowrey met Miss Guthrie, in whom he saw the elements of a devout and saintly womanhood. They were married December 3, 1846. The *Western Christian Advocate* says of her: "Mrs. Lowrey, as the wife of a Methodist pastor, immediately began to seek for a deeper work of grace in her heart. She had in her girlhood been under the instruction of Mrs. Hamline, wife of Bishop Hamline, and to this deeply-consecrated woman she owed much. Through her she had been led to Christ and to Methodism, and by her example, prayers, and tears, as she herself said, she was brought 'into that peace and joy which flows from a perfect consecration and full trust in Christ—the blessing of a pure heart.' With her husband she professed entire sanctification, and enforced it, not only as a privilege but as a duty, upon all who had assumed the yoke of Christ. In religious circles she supplemented the labors of her husband, and sympathized with him in all his holy ambitions and desires throughout his entire ministry. She upheld and encouraged him in his preaching. When his extreme views, as they were regarded, were attacked by other ministers, and even in the official press of the Church, she helped to keep his spirit sweet, and his defense, as spoken or written by himself, was made in a gentle and loving mood. Neither Dr. Lowrey nor his wife was acrimonious towards those who did not make such high professions of holiness; but they both urged all to seek for the higher life." In 1874, Dr. Lowrey became a supernumerary, and soon afterward undertook the editorship of the *Christian Standard*, of Philadelphia. In 1878, Dr. Lowrey began, with Dr. Asa Mahan, the publication of a monthly journal devoted to the promotion of holiness, called *The Divine Life*. This was a congenial occupation, and in it he busied himself for eighteen years. After the death of her husband, in 1898, Mrs. Lowrey resided chiefly with her youngest son in Evanston. Here her health rapidly declined, but she ripened for heaven.

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MRS. SARAH J. WEBSTER.

SARAH JANE WEBSTER, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Davisson, and widow of Rev. Wesley Webster, of the Cincinnati Conference, was born near South Charleston, Ohio, August 14, 1821. She was converted very early in life, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and lived a beautiful life of trust, patience, and Christian service.

She was married to Rev. Wesley Webster, at that time a member of the Ohio Conference, June 17, 1845, and shared with him the toils, hardships, privations, and triumphs of the Methodist itinerancy for twenty-five years. She was a helpmeet to her husband in his arduous travels and work for the Church. One extract from the journal of her husband may illustrate some of the trials of their itinerant life. In 1867 they were moved from Fletcher Circuit, Cincinnati Conference, to Centenary. He says: "From Fletcher, on the very north of our Conference, to Centenary, on the south, involved a terrible move. We took our goods in wagons to Piqua, and stored them in a warehouse; then they were shipped in canal-boat to Cincinnati, and put in the warehouse. And from the city they were taken by wagons, some twenty-five miles out, to our work. Our goods were quite damaged, and some we never got." Then, to add to their discomfort, when they arrived upon their work there was no parsonage or house provided for the preacher and his faithful wife. However, these trials did not lessen her love for the Church nor for the cause of her Savior. Her husband leaves this testimony recorded in his journal

as to their marriage: "After the flight of many years I desire to acknowledge the guiding hand of God in my marriage relation." Two children were born to them, a son and a daughter, both of whom died in infancy. Her husband preceded her to the heavenly world in 1895. For nearly thirty years she had resided in South Charleston, honored and loved by all who knew her. She greatly endeared herself to the Church and to the entire community by her kindly, cheerful, Christian spirit and exemplary life. Every interest of the Church was constantly an object of thought and prayer on her part. The new parsonage enterprise, to which she gave liberally, was very dear to her heart, and when she made the gift she said, "You know I love that Church as I love myself." During several months she had been growing more feeble, and at times so ill as to cause her friends anxious thought. On October 6th, in conversing with her pastor, she said: "I have no fears. I am just resting. Let my Heavenly Father do what he thinks best. Our Heavenly Father never forsakes his children. When I was young I had fears that the Lord would forsake me; but I made a great mistake in that, and I have learned better." On the morning after the last illness came on her she sent for her pastor. To him she said: "I am in my Heavenly Father's hands, and I do n't know what he is going to do with me; but it is all right. My Heavenly Father is with me." On Friday evening, January 5, 1900, about five o'clock, she quietly and peacefully fell asleep in Jesus. When her pastor bade her good-bye for the last time, he said to her, "God bless you!" She replied: "He does bless me! He does bless me!" Of a family of twelve children who lived to mature life, one sister and two brothers only survive, three sisters having passed away in the last five months. In the death of Sister Webster, we believe that a veritable saint has passed from earth to glory.

J. S. PUMPIREY.

MARY CATHERINE SHINN.

As BUNYAN'S Pilgrim was struggling up the Hill Difficulty, and had not yet reached those heights where the towers and minarets of the Celestial City broke upon his view, to his joy by the wayside he found an arbor of rest which he entered, and in which he refreshed himself and gained strength and encouragement for his farther experiences. The Home for the Aged, at Yellow Springs, Ohio, provided by Ohio Methodism, is a similar haven of rest where the Methodist pilgrim, aged, weary, and alone, can tarry for a little time and be tenderly cared for before taking his departure for that "city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." One of the first travelers to enter this arbor by the wayside was Mrs. Mary Catherine Shinn, the widow of Rev. John Shinn, a former member of the Cincinnati Conference, who went from service to reward more than a quarter of a century ago. Sister Shinn fully appreciated and enjoyed the companionship, love, and sympathy of this newly-found home. Her stay, however, was brief. Scarcely had she become settled in her new relations when the notice came that she must soon go hence. She left this temporary home for that permanent one, May 30, 1900, and by tender hands and loving hearts her body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Marysville, Ohio.

Mrs. Shinn was a gifted woman. She was highly endowed by nature. These powers had been cultivated by education and experience and transformed by grace, and the result was a strong, well-rounded, and beautiful character. Her light shone. No one could be associated with her without being impressed with the consistency and beauty of her life, and all who knew her admired and loved her. Her character was no accident. It was the result of the formative influences of her childhood,

the activity of her mature life in the service of the Master, and the trials through which she was called to pass. She was born in Cincinnati, and was reared amid the scenes of early Methodism in this country. In 1856 she became the wife of a Methodist itinerant, and shared with him its activities and experiences, and thus grew in grace and beauty of character. She knew much of sorrow. As a child she experienced the bereavement that comes when mother goes away to return no more. As a young wife she lived through the wearing, anxious days and nights that came when husband and father as chaplain was at the front, where the death-shots laid low the Boys in Blue. Later she was made to know the loneliness and sorrow that comes to a wife when she follows her husband to the verge of the Dark Valley, and sees him disappear amid its shadows to return no more. Then was she left to meet life's responsibilities and bear its burdens alone. Among these was the education of her children, Edward and Emily. At great sacrifice to herself, faithfully and fully did she meet this responsibility, moving to Delaware for this purpose, and there remaining till she had graduated them from the Ohio Wesleyan University.

But there was disappointment and great sorrow still in store for her. Her accomplished and highly-gifted daughter, who was taking high rank as a teacher in the schools of Central Ohio, and who was her mother's comfort and joy, was stricken, rapidly declined, and soon passed into the unseen land. Then was she left desolate and alone indeed. After a few more years of waiting and watching and longing the welcome summons came to her. Her sufferings were great, but she bore them with a resignation and patience and sweetness which showed that she had constant and wondrous victory.

These multiplied sorrows of life, as she passed through them leaning on her God and triumphed over them in the name of Jesus, so transformed and spiritualized her that there was an air of heaven about her. As the light from the sun seems to transform the air into itself, so the light from the Sun of righteousness, which permeated her soul, transformed her into his image. Hence, when the messenger came, he found her ready and waiting, and thankfully and joyfully did she go with him to the eternal home.

MRS. J. P. PORTER.

MARTHA EVA PARKER was born in Farmington, Maine, February 3, 1843. She was the youngest child of Peter and Sarah (Hersom) Parker, both natives of the State of Maine. In the fall of 1859, Mr. and Mrs. Parker came to Delaware, Ohio, where Eva entered the Ohio Wesleyan Female College, from which she was graduated in June, 1862. On July 5, 1864, she was united in marriage, in St. Paul's Church, Delaware, Ohio, to J. P. Porter, who but a few days before had been graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University. In September of the same year her husband was received on probation in the Cincinnati Annual Conference at Greenfield, and since that time until her release Mrs. Porter has shared the trials and triumphs of the itinerant work.

Mrs. Porter's education was broad and adaptable. She was an artist of more than ordinary skill in painting and music. Possessed of unusual literary taste, she read the best of the best authors. She had in a large degree that delicate refinement of temper and tastes which mark the cultured mind and heart. The walls of her home displayed the skill of her hand, while its order and happiness exhibited the dominance of a most beautiful and tender spirit. As wife and mother she excelled. Adored by her husband and children, she was queen of her household.

which was one of the loveliest of earth. They who composed it had comfort and contentment; they who came to it had welcome and hospitality. It was a delightful refuge from all strife, and a place where new strength and confidence were attained for life's struggles.

Mrs. Porter's life was one of rare beauty and effectiveness. She was converted when in college in her Senior year. At a little prayer-meeting composed of a few of her classmates she found the pardon and the peace of God. A very satisfactory religious experience was the result. In no season of her after-life did her faith fail. No adverse thing aroused a fear, no trial awakened a doubt in her faithful heart. Her espousal to Christ and his work was complete, and her fellowship with Jesus was unbroken. Out of this precious estate of soul came a blessed service. It was intelligent, exhibiting culture; it was affectionate, carrying with it the best of a good heart; it was appropriate, wisely adapted to those she served; it was effective, many were won to Christ by it.

Our sister's influence in the Churches where she was the pastor's wife was remarkable. Although not prominent in public exercises, she had great skill in the quiet, unobserved methods. Her largest success was with the young people. Her Sunday-school classes and her Junior Epworth Leagues were models. Missionary Societies sprang into existence at her coming. Her motherly heart and skillful hand molded many a young heart after the image of her Lord's, whose love for the Church and whose labor for the Master will perpetuate her own loving activities through another generation. Dissensions died, indifference fled, the drooping agencies of the Church all revived in her presence. Everything good came to the harvest, and every effort she put forth added something to the capability of the Church. Whatever she undertook prospered. There was life in her touch. Her own buoyant spirit kept the crest of all threatening waves, and her cheerful voice gave a courageous accompaniment to every chorus of discouragement. Refusing to accept official places, her ardent spirit from the plane of the humblest service ruled. She possessed the secret of dominance without the exhibit of the scepter. One who knew her well said of her, "Her life was an unstudied psalm of praise to her Lord." It was a devoted, patient, lovely, godly life, which made every one who knew it happier and better.

On the evening of December 28, 1899, this noble, achieving spirit went away. The chariot stopped at the door of the parsonage in Oxford, and this earthly saint stepped in and went to her Father's house on high. On the first day of the year 1900 she was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Oxford, Ohio, where the people she so dearly loved drop their flowers and their tears, and where the thoughts of those who lose her turn until they shall greet her in the better fellowship of the heavens.

MRS. SARAH A. WEAKLEY.

THE last page in the Book of Proverbs contains that treasure of literature from the pen of King Lemuel, the portraiture of the good woman. Fidelity, industry, prudence, benevolence, wisdom, are her traits. In a marked degree, Mrs. Sarah A. Weakley fulfilled this noble ideal of womanliness. Her husband safely trusted in her; her candle burned late into the night as she toiled for her household. She worked willingly with her hands. She was prudent in the affairs of money. She considered a field before she bought it. She stretched out her hands to the poor in practical helpfulness. Her mind was so stored with the treasures of reading and the "harvest of a quiet eye," that when she opened her mouth it was in wisdom; and in her tongue was the law of kindness.

Strength and honor were her clothing. So at length, when on September 14, 1899, she passed into the larger life, her children called her blessed. To her belongs the praise of a woman that feared the Lord. She has received the fruit of her hands, and her own works praise her. Her body was laid to rest at Eaton, Ohio, beside that of her husband, the Rev. John W. Weakley, D. D., one of the most distinguished members of this Conference.

DAVIS W. CLARK.

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